

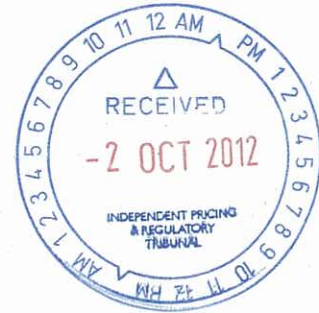


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Dear Mr Cox

Thank you for your letter regarding the application made by the Water Factory Company to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a retail supplier's licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*.

I have been advised that the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has no comment to make on this application.

As you may be aware, the EPA is primarily concerned with any licensing implications that an application may have under the *Protection of Environment Operations Act 1997*, such as those relating to the processing capacity of treatment plants and the proposed methods of disposal of effluent. These concerns are addressed through the network operator's licence, for which the Water Factory Company will have to apply for before undertaking development works for individual projects.

In relation to the capacity of the applicant, I have been advised that the EPA has not initiated any prosecutions against any of the corporations listed under section 6.2 and Appendix 6.2.1 of the application.

Should you or your staff wish to discuss the issues raised in this letter, please contact Ms Bernie Brompton, Regional Operations Officer, EPA, on 9995 6844 or e-mail bernie.brompton@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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