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Attention: Maria Morahan

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Dear Ms Coco

Proposed draft WaterNSW operating licence

I am writing in response to your letter to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 31 March 2022 (Ref: D22/5588) providing IPART's proposed draft of the WaterNSW operating licence and seeking our comments.

The EPA notes IPART proposes to maintain clause 6.14 in the draft operating licence which requires WaterNSW to maintain a Memorandum of Understanding with the EPA. We provided feedback on this clause in our letter of 13 October 2021 and our position remains unchanged, i.e. that this clause is no longer required considering the maturity of the relationship and enduring cooperation on matters of common interest. The EPA does not see any substantive benefit from retaining the clause that outweigh the administrative and compliance costs associated with its retention.

The EPA does not have any further comments about the draft operating licence.

If you have any queries on this matter, please contact Julian Thompson on

or

Yours sincerely



SARAH THOMSON

<u>A/Director Regulatory Operations</u>

cc. Evan Webb, WaterNSW -