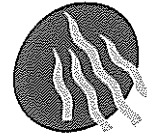




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Mr Brian Parmenter
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Dear Mr Parmenter

I refer to the Ministerial Referral Notice (the Direction) dated 19 March 2010 which directs the Queensland Competition Authority to develop irrigation prices to apply to SunWater water supply schemes.

I understand that your Board requires some urgent clarification regarding the scope of your investigation in regard to nodal pricing arrangements.

My understanding is that the intention of the Direction is that the Authority recommend irrigation prices based on the current SunWater tariff group arrangements and which will be proposed by SunWater in its Network Service Plans. It is my understanding that the intention is not that the Authority be required to investigate nodal pricing arrangements over and above those arrangements which currently exist.

If it is necessary, I will consult with the Premier and Treasurer, who may provide further confirmation of this matter.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Judith Jensen of the department on telephone 3330 6108.

Yours sincerely



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