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Dear Ms Baumgartner

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Water Industry Competition (General) Regulation 2008 and the Regulatory Impact Statement.

The Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) has provided submissions to the development of the legislation. These submissions are available on the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's *Industry Structure for Water and Wastewater Services in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area 2005* webpage and the Department of Premier and Cabinet's *Water Industry Competition Access to Infrastructure Regulation 2007* webpage.

The SCA supports the objectives of the Water Industry Competition (General) Regulation 2008 to promote effective competition whilst recognising the pre-eminence of:

- ensuring water quality and safety and the protection of public health;
- protecting, restoring and enhancing the quality of the environment in NSW;
- ensuring the continued supply of water and wastewater; and
- commercial negotiations between an access seeker and service provider.

Yours sincerely


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