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Mr John Hindmarsh Chief Executive Officer Queensland Competition Authority GPO Box 2257 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr Hindmarsh John

2016 QCA Fee Framework Consultation

I refer to your letter (your reference 1173059) dated 11 February 2016 inviting submissions on QCA's proposed 2016 Fee Framework.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the proposed Fee Framework. Seqwater accepts that QCA expenses should be met by the entities that it regulates and reflects work undertaken on behalf of the water users of South East Queensland.

Of more importance to Seqwater is the continuation of the collaborative approach undertaken during the previous price path review. Our joint efforts delivered real and substantial value to the community. Throughout the process I trust we have been able to clearly demonstrate our commitment to driving efficiencies and value for the community.

Seqwater is again seeking early engagement as part of the next price path review with the aim of jointly identifying focus areas which can deliver the most benefit to water customers. While keeping QCA costs to a minimum is obviously important, Seqwater values the opportunity to engage with QCA early in the regulatory cycle to ensure the scope and focus of the review drives best for customer outcomes.

As part of the next QCA budget process, we are also aiming to include some targeted feedback and views from the community with the aim of increasing this engagement in subsequent reviews.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Pruss, General Manager – Water Supply Strategy and Policy on (07) 3035 5712 for any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Dennis Chief Executive Officer

