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SEQ Water Price Monitoring  
Queensland Competition Authority  
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Dear Sir,

**Price Monitoring of certain SEQ Water and Wastewater Distribution and Retail Activities for 2012/13**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Authority in relation to the above investigation.

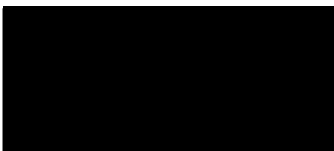
The Moreton Bay Regional Council is concerned in relation to the level of cost to Water and Wastewater Distribution and Retail entities in SEQ in order for them to comply with their legislative requirements.

As you are aware, a CPI price limitation has been prescribed by the South East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009 (the Act) that covers the 2012/13 financial year. As a result, in the public interest, and in an attempt to reduce the regulatory costs on the Water and Wastewater Distribution/Retailer entities, the terms of reference in regards to your investigation appear to be wider than required and should be restricted purely to compliance by Unitywater and Queensland Urban Utilities with this section of the Act.

A complete review of prices and maximum allowable revenue base seems overly onerous given the legislative price cap.

For further information please contact Keith Pattinson on 3480 6422 or email [keith.pattinson@moretonbay.qld.gov.au](mailto:keith.pattinson@moretonbay.qld.gov.au) or contact council as referenced above.

Yours faithfully,



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**Chief Executive Officer**  
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