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Economics and Industry Standing Committee
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Dr Abernethie

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY – WATER LICENSING AND SERVICES

Firstly, on behalf of Council I would like to thank the Standing Committee for granting an extension of time to allow Council to provide s submission on the above Inquiry.

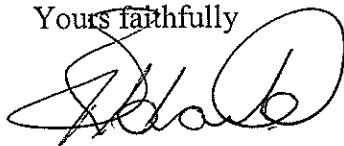
Council at its December 2007 Ordinary meeting considered the Terms of Reference and resolved to submit the following comments in relation to Item 6 of the Terms of reference:-

Moved Cr Auld Seconded Cr Pasini that Council forwards a submission to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Inquiry into Water Licensing and Services stating the following:-

- *That broad acre landholders should be exempt from any proposed licenses for construction of their own catchment dams; and*
- *Broad acre landholders who have sunk bores should also be exempt from licenses and charges for the extraction of water as that majority of these are not drawing water from aquifers.*

I trust that the Standing Committee will consider the issues that have been raised by Council in respect to this Inquiry.

Yours faithfully



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