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Dr Loraine Abernethie
Principal Research Officer
Economics & Industry Standing Committee
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Dr Abernethie

**RE: PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY – WATER LICENSING AND SERVICES
REQUEST TO MAKE A SUBMISSION**

Thank you for your letter regarding the above which was discussed by Council at its recent Meeting.

Although it is late in submitting a submission from Council, it wishes to voice its vigorous opposition to the proposal to implement a cost recovery scheme for the taking of water from groundwater and/or stream flow.

It is Council's opinion that the current arrangement is adequate to protect the taking of water from groundwater. Also many primary producers provide dams and windmills for their respective stock.

Council is totally opposed to another additional impost for primary producers and their counterparts.

Yours sincerely

Clem Kerp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER