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Dear Mr Cameron

**Re: Consultation on Draft Revisions to the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling:
Managing Health and Environmental Risks (Phase 1)**

The public health components of the 2006 Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks (Phase 1) have been reviewed. The rationale for the review and the resulting draft changes are described in the attached Explanatory Paper.

The review was initiated by the now closed Australian Water Recycling Centre of Excellence and the National Recycled Water Regulators' Forum. The review was supported by the Water Quality Policy Sub-Committee of the National Water Reform Committee which has oversight of the National Water Quality Management Strategy. As the review was limited to the public health aspects of the Guidelines oversight and coordination of the review was provided by the Environmental Health Standing Committee (enHealth) which reports to the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

The review was undertaken by an independent working group modelled on the Health Risk Working Group which contributed to the development of the original Phase 1 Guidelines. Three members of the original working group were retained in the new independent group. Members included representatives of the National Recycled Water Regulators' Forum, the Water Services Association of Australia, the Australian Water Association and a senior research scientist from CSIRO with expertise in public health aspects of recycled water. Collectively the members have experience and expertise in the design, management and regulation of a wide range of recycled water schemes including large metropolitan and smaller rural schemes.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee has approved release of the draft revision of the Guidelines for targeted stakeholder consultation. As the Queensland Water Directorate is a key stakeholder the draft revision is provided for your consideration and comment. Please feel free to circulate this material to members of your organisation. Consultation is open until 31 March 2020. If needed this period can be extended.

Please provide comments and any inquiries to david.cunliffe@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments:

1. Explanatory Paper on Draft Revisions to the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks (Phase 1)
2. Draft Revisions to the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks (Phase 1)