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Re: Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

The Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*) is the central advisory and advocacy body within Queensland's urban water and sewerage services industry, providing a collaborative hub for its members to provide safe, secure and sustainable urban water services to Queensland communities. Our members include all local government and local government-owned water service providers in the state, along with other core and affiliate members.

qldwater has reviewed the proposed changes to the *Water Act* 2000, the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act* 2008, and the *South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring Act)* 2009.

Part 2 of the Bill Amendment of South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009 specifically deals with changes to publication requirements for the SEQ Design and Construction Code. Upon review of the changes proposed in clauses 2-10 of the Bill, it is our belief that this section of the legislation and the proposed changes should be further reviewed in the light of modern operating practises for hosting of the SEQ Design and Construction Code, and the alignment of that code with other national codes hosted by the Water Services Association of Australia.

Yours faithfully,

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