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Dear Mr Wandmaker

REVOCATION OF POLICIES FOR REGISTERING PRIVATE DAMS IN RURAL RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The *Water (Resource Management) Regulations 2017* have been made replacing the 2007 regulations without regulation 31. Regulation 31 provided for registering private dams in rural residential areas.

This means that landholders in rural residential areas and on properties smaller than 8 hectares are no longer required to pay a registration fee or notify their local water corporation when they build or significantly alter a private domestic dam.

The Victorian Government decided not to renew regulation 31 in the context of broader strategic reform in the water industry following the release of *Water for Victoria*. A simpler, lower cost and more efficient way of addressing the impact of small farm dams on the environment and other users is being investigated as part of Action 8.4 of *Water for Victoria*. This action is designed to ensure better recording, monitoring and accounting of significant uses of water.

I have revoked the 'Policies for Registering Private Dams in Rural Residential Areas' (dated 19 October 2010). A copy of the revocation is enclosed for your records.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has updated its website to inform the community and stakeholders of this change. I request that you inform your customers similarly.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Patrick O'Halloran, Manager Licensing Groundwater and Unregulated Systems, DELWP, on (03) 9637 8068 or patrick.ohalloran@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Water Act 1989

Revocation of Policies for Registering Private Dams in Rural Residential Areas

I, Lisa Neville, Minister for Water, as Minister administering the *Water Act 1989*, revoke the Policies for Registering Private Dams in Rural Residential Areas (dated 19 October 2010), to commence immediately on signing of this revocation.



HON LISA NEVILLE MP
Minister for Water

Date: 31.1.18