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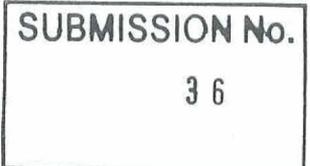
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The Hon. John Pandazopoulos MP
Chair
Environment & Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
East Melbourne 3002

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Dear Sir

RE: Inquiry into Melbourne's Future Water Supply

The Victorian Water Industry Association (VicWater) is the peak industry organisation representing the twenty water businesses in Victoria. The Association plays a lead role in government liaison and policy development, and operates programs to support best practice within the water industry.

VicWater is pleased to make a submission to the Inquiry into Melbourne's Future Water Supply and will be pleased to provide further assistance and advice to the Committee in considering the submissions and comments that are received.

As an association representing the Victorian water businesses, VicWater are well placed to coordinate the relevant expertise from within the industry to help review any proposed actions. There is an incredible range of skills within the Victorian industry and a significant amount of research has already been undertaken.

A number of initiatives are currently underway to help identify Victorian water supply needs and appropriate strategies are being prepared to address those needs. The development of Sustainable Water Strategies across the State are an important strategic action to involve stakeholders to identify water requirements and to help address specific issues. Once those strategies are prepared, like the Central Region Sustainable Water Strategy, it will be important that they are reviewed to identify the achievements and consider any changed circumstances or events.



It is expected that some individual Victorian water businesses may wish to submit their own detailed comments on the issues raised in your Inquiry and I am sure that those comments will be welcomed.

VicWater would again like to thank the Environment & Natural Resources Committee for the opportunity to provide input and to advise that VicWater would be happy to provide any further assistance that you may require.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Bird', written in a cursive style.

Steve Bird
Chief Executive Officer