30 March 2011

Mr John Bradley
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Department of Environment & Resource Management
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Dear John,

Wivenhoe Dam - Interim Supply Security Level

Seqwater’s approved interim program under the Moreton Resource Operations Plan obliges Seqwater to maintain the water storage level in Wivenhoe Dam at the Interim Supply Security Level (which is 75% of Full Supply Level) until 31 March 2011.

In view of the impending expiry of this part of Seqwater’s interim program, Seqwater has recently sought advice from the Queensland Water Commission and the Water Grid Manager as to whether either agency has any objection from a water supply security perspective to an extension of the above temporary arrangements to 30 June 2011.

The advice received from the Queensland Water Commission and the Water Grid Manager (copies attached) is qualified in this regard.

Accordingly, Seqwater does not propose to submit a revised interim program.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Borrows
Chief Executive Officer

Attach.
25 MAR 2011

Mr Peter Borrows
Chief Executive Officer
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By email to: [redacted]

Dear Mr Borrows

Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2011 including your request for advice on a proposed extension to the period that Wivenhoe Dam be kept at the Interim Security Supply Level from 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011.

The Queensland Water Commission has no objection to this proposal as a temporary measure. Our analysis of the total grid capacity shows that the impact on water security by the extension of time is compliant with the South East Queensland System Operating Plan Risk Criteria.

It should be noted that operational and regulatory impacts such as potential increased pumping costs have not been assessed. Advice from the responsible agency or entity would need to also be considered.

If you would like to further discuss these matters or require any information, please contact Mr Tad Bagdon, Acting General Manager, Regional Planning and Policy on [redacted].

Yours sincerely

Ms Karen Waldman
Chief Executive Officer
25 March 2011

Mr Peter Borrows
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Borrows

Maintenance of Wivenhoe Dam at 75% full supply level up to 30 June 2011

I refer to your letter dated 22 March 2011 regarding Seqwater’s consideration of extending the period in which Wivenhoe Dam is maintained at 75%, from 31 March 2011 to 30 June 2011.

As requested in your letter, to assist Seqwater in deciding whether it makes a recommendation to the Chief Executive of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, we confirm that temporarily maintaining Wivenhoe Dam at 75% up to 30 June 2011, is unlikely to impact on our ability to manage the Water Grid to achieve the desired levels of service and the System Operating Plan’s risk criteria. Please note that this is based on information currently available and may be subject to change.

If you have any questions, please contact me on [redacted] or via email at [redacted].

Yours sincerely

Barry Dennien
Chief Executive Officer