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Dear Mr Reid

### **HARVEY WATER – APPLICATION TO AMEND LICENCE WL31**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by Harvey Water to amend its water services licence WL31.

We have noted that Harvey Water is seeking to extend the northern boundary of its south-west operating area to allow it to supply irrigation and non-potable (non-drinking) water supply services to farming customers and local industry.

The Department of Health does not object to this licence amendment subject to the dot point conditions listed below.

Our position in relation to the provision of a water service that is not intended for drinking is that a Licensee should, in relation to water that is supplied by the Licensee:

- Advise customers receiving that service that the water is not to be used for drinking or food preparation;
- Advise customers to notify tenants or guests at that property that the water is not to be used for drinking or food preparation;
- Provide customers with an annual written reminder that the water is not to be used for drinking or food preparation; and
- Ensure that, if the Licensee provides water via a standpipe or to any public open space or area accessible to the public that the Licensee manages, the water service is to be clearly labelled as not suitable for drinking.
- Notify the Department of Health prior to the supply of non-potable water to customers for in house applications (e.g. toilet flushing and dedicated cold water laundry connection).

Non-drinking water infrastructure is also expected to comply with the relevant provisions of AS/NZS 3500.1:2021 “Plumbing and drainage Water services”

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Yours sincerely



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