

DIRECTION FOR RETAIL PRICE MONITORING IN THE SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND URBAN WATER SECTOR

Certificate of Direction

Under section 23A of the *Queensland Competition Act 1997* (the Act).

Direction

The Premier and the Treasurer (the Ministers) hereby refer the water supply activities of the Local Governments listed in Table 1 to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for a price monitoring investigation under section 23A of the Act. This direction is to apply for a period of two years from 1 July 2008, with the QCA to make a report to Ministers annually.

Table 1: Local Government water supply activities to be investigated

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- a) Brisbane City Council
 - b) Logan City Council
 - c) Gold Coast City Council
 - d) Redland City Council
 - e) Ipswich City Council
 - f) Lockyer Valley Regional Council
 - g) Moreton Bay Regional Council
 - h) Somerset Regional Council
 - i) Sunshine Coast Regional Council
 - j) Scenic Rim Regional Council
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Consistent with section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation is limited to the monitoring of pricing practices relating to the retail water supply activities of the specified Local Governments (i.e. retailers).

Conduct of the QCA pursuant to this Direction

In referring this investigation, the Ministers direct the QCA under section 24 of the Act as follows. For each Local Government the QCA shall:

- (a) report the extent to which increases in retail water prices are attributed by the Local Government to increases in Bulk Water Grid costs in:
 - (i) the Local Government’s budget or other official, legal or commercial documents; or
 - (ii) in Local Government’s official media statements or releases; and
 - (iii) using information provided to the QCA by the Government and the Local Government in response to the QCA’s request for information outlined in Attachment A.
- (b) report whether these attributed increases to retail prices go beyond those required to recover the increase in Bulk Water Grid costs advised by the Government. This is to be considered in terms of:

- (i) total forecast revenues and costs for the forecast water sales volume; and
 - (ii) the retail bill for a residential user that consumes 138kL/annum and 250kL/annum.
- (c) provide a draft report to the Local Governments and Government on each Local Government on the subject matter as defined in points (a) and (b) above;
 - (d) invite responses from the Local Government and Government as to the draft reports;
 - (e) provide a final report on each Local Government, in accordance with section 34 of the Act, in the format and containing the information required in the attachment to this Direction, which must be provided within 90 calendar days inclusive of all consultation time, from the later of, the date of this Ministerial direction, or, for Brisbane from the time the budget is adopted by the Brisbane City Council under section 109(2) of the *City of Brisbane Act 1924*, and for all other Local Governments from the time of the tabling of each Local Government's budget, as adopted by resolution under section 518(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
 - (f) comply with any other conditions formally notified by the Ministers from time to time.

This Direction may be revoked or amended in accordance with section 23A(6) of the Act at any time before receiving the QCA's report of the results of the investigation.

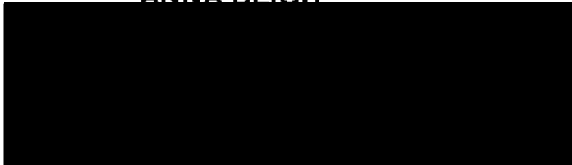
Exceptions to the Direction

For the avoidance of doubt, this Direction does not include:

- (a) the power to add, remove or change a tariff in a retailer's existing tariff schedule;
- (b) the function and power to decide the prices or decide the methodology for fixing the prices that a retail entity may charge its customers for charges or fees relating to retail water services;
- (c) the function or power to publish, via the QCA's website or gazette notice, the prices to be charged by individual retailers;

- (d) the ability to seek or use other sources of information than that provided by the Government or the Local Government, pursuant to the attachment to this Direction; and
- (e) the power to investigate other factors that may affect Local Government retail water prices.

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Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Gold Coast City Council to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Gold Coast City Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$796/ML	\$1,092/ML	37%	\$296
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$340	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$503	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.

2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Sunshine Coast Regional Council to the Queensland Competition Authority ("QCA") for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Sunshine Coast Regional Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$683/ML	\$700/ML	2.5%	\$17
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Caloundra City Council (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$219	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Caloundra City Council (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$356	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Maroochy Shire Council (calculated on household using</i>	\$283	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

138kL/yr) (\$)				
<i>Residential water bill for former Maroochy Shire Council (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$390	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Noosa Shire Council (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$300	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Noosa Shire Council (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$407	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.
2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Ipswich City Council to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Ipswich City Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$564/ML	\$860/ML	52%	\$296
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$453	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$593	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.

2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Lockyer Valley Regional Council to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$821/ML	\$1,117/ML	36%	\$296
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for Gatton Shire Council (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$474	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for Gatton Shire Council (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$535	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for Laidley Shire Council (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$470	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

<i>Residential water bill for Laidley Shire Council</i> (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)	\$543	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
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Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.
2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Logan City Council to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

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Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Logan City Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$954/ML	\$1,250/ML	31%	\$296
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$383	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$544	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.

2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Moreton Bay Regional Council to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Moreton Bay Regional Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$763/ML	\$1059/ML	39%	\$296
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Pine Rivers Shire Council (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$378	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Pine Rivers Shire Council (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$490	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Redcliffe City Council</i>	\$288	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

(calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)				
<i>Residential water bill for former Redcliffe City Council</i> (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)	\$398	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Caboolture Shire Council</i> (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)	\$372	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Caboolture Shire Council</i> (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)	\$465	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.
2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Redland City Council to the Queensland Competition Authority ("QCA") for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Redland City Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$548/ML	\$562/ML	2.5%	\$14
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$360	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$457	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.

2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Scenic Rim Regional Council to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Scenic Rim Regional Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$1,079/ML	\$1,375/ML	27%	\$296
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Beaudesert Shire Council (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$471	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Beaudesert Shire Council (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$600	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Boonah Shire Council</i>	\$363	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

(calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)				
<i>Residential water bill for former Boonah Shire Council</i> (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)	\$470	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.
2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Somerset Regional Council to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Somerset Regional Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$1,198/ML	\$1,494/ML	25%	\$296
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Esk Shire Council (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$491	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Esk Shire Council (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$603	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill for former Kilcoy Shire Council (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$349	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

<i>Residential water bill for former Kilcoy Shire Council (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$427	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
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Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.
2. Bulk water expense is the multiple of the bulk water price (as provided by the Queensland Water Commission) and bulk water demand (as provided by QWC in 2007-08 and individual councils subsequently).
3. Other (distribution and retail) water expense is the difference between the total expense of the water business, consistent with Council's Budget, and the bulk water expense.

Retail Water Pricing Information

For the purposes of sections 23A and 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, the Premier and Treasurer have referred the water supply activities of Brisbane City Council to the Queensland Competition Authority (“QCA”) for investigation. For the purpose of section 24 (1)(b) of the Act, this investigation only refers to the monitoring of retail water pricing practices.

This information will be published pursuant to section 34 of the Act.

Table 1 lists the information required.

Table 1 Water Supply prices for Brisbane City Council

Reportable Matter	2007/2008 (\$2007)	2008/09 (\$2008)	Percentage change %	Quantitative Change \$
<i>Bulk water price</i>	\$628/ML	\$925/ML	47%	\$296
<i>Bulk water demand</i>	ML [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	ML [Provided by Council]
<i>Council water related sales revenue</i>				
Water (see note 1)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Retailer Expenses</i>				
- Bulk Water (see note 2)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
- Other (distribution and retail) (see note 3)	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 138kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$304	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council](\$xx)
<i>Residential water bill (calculated on household using 250kL/yr) (\$)</i>	\$438	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]	(%) [Provided by Council]	(\$xx) [Provided by Council]

Notes to the table:

1. Total sales revenue from water businesses is the sum of access and consumption charges for all customers, as well as other revenues including sundry fees and charges, community service obligations, capital contributions, donations, subsidies, commercially contestable service revenue and interest.

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