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Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
Brisbane QLD 4001

**Re: Price Monitoring Investigation: Unitywater and Urban Utilities 2026-30,
Sunshine Coast Council submission in support of Unitywater's Part 2 Submission**

Sunshine Coast Council welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission as a Participant Council in relation to the Queensland Competition Authority's Price Monitoring Investigation: Unitywater and Urban Utilities 2026-30.

Council supports Unitywater's Part 2 Submission and recognises the critical importance of sustainable, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to the communities of the Sunshine Coast. Water infrastructure is fundamental to public health, environmental stewardship, economic prosperity and the liveability outcomes valued by our residents and ratepayers.

As one of Australia's fastest growing regions, the Sunshine Coast requires timely and prudent investment in essential water and wastewater infrastructure to support population growth, housing delivery and long-term community wellbeing. Council acknowledges Unitywater's proposed investment program and its focus on maintaining service reliability, supporting future growth, meeting environmental obligations and ensuring the ongoing resilience of critical infrastructure.

Council notes that delivering sustainable water services is becoming increasingly challenging due to significant population growth, rising construction and operating costs, more complex environmental and regulatory requirements, and the infrastructure needed to support future communities. In this context, it is important that investment decisions continue to balance affordability with the need to ensure current and future generations have access to safe, reliable and sustainable water services.

Sunshine Coast Council supports a long-term approach that enables proactive infrastructure investment, protects service standards, supports environmental outcomes and provides confidence that essential water and wastewater services will continue to meet the needs of our growing region.

Council encourages the Authority to consider the significant and ongoing investment required to deliver sustainable water services for the communities of South East Queensland while maintaining affordability and service reliability for customers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

John Baker
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER