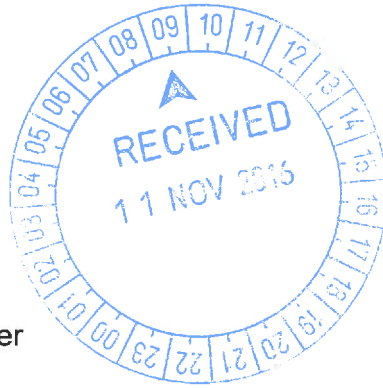


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Dear Ms Schafer

On 1 July 2016 the *Water Industry (Third Party Access) Amendment Act 2015* came into operation establishing an economic framework for a state-based third party access regime that will apply to all South Australian water industry entities (SA water access regime).

Under the *Competition and Infrastructure Reform Agreement 2006* between the States and the Commonwealth, a state based access regime must be submitted to the National Competition Council (the Council) for certification by the relevant Commonwealth Minister that the regime is an 'effective access regime' for the purposes of Part IIIA of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)* (CCA).

Accordingly, under section 44M of the CCA, I submit the attached application to the Council for its consideration and recommendation to the Commonwealth Minister that the South Australian water access regime be certified to be an effective access regime.

If you would like to discuss the content of this application further, please contact Ms Rebecca de Laine, Principal Advisor, Commercial Advisory, Department of Treasury and Finance on telephone 08 8204 1727 or via email at: rebeccadelaine@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jay Weatherill'.

Jay Weatherill
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7/11/2016

Encl. Application for certification of the SA water access regime
Attachment 1 to the SA application: Pipelines
Attachment 2 to the SA application: Water Industry (Third Party Access) Amendment Act
Attachment 3 to the SA application: Proclamation of application of Part 9A
Attachment 4 to the SA application: Ministerial direction