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*Trade Practices Act 1974*

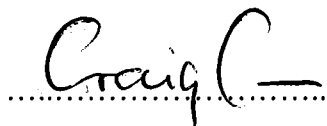
**DECISION ON EFFECTIVENESS OF ACCESS REGIME  
UNDER SECTION 44N**

I, the Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP, Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs, as designated Minister hereby decide that the New South Wales access regime for water industry infrastructure services is an effective access regime under section 44N of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

The water industry infrastructure access regime is established under Part 3 of the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006 (NSW)* and the related provisions of the Water Industry Competition (Access to Infrastructure Services) Regulation 2007 (NSW).

My decision is to be in force for a period of 10 years.

Dated: 13 August 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Emerson', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Craig Emerson

Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs