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Dear Ms Luisetto

ADVICE ON THE ADEQUACY OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Thank you for seeking advice on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed Model By-laws (Recreational Areas).

The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) advises on the adequacy of RISs as required under section 12H(3) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* (the Act). I advise that the final version of the RIS received by the VCEC on 19 August 2012 meets the requirements of section 12H of the Act.

The VCEC's advice is based on the adequacy of the evidence presented in the RIS and is focused on the quality of the analysis rather than the merits of the proposal itself. **Therefore, the VCEC's advice that the RIS is adequate does not represent an endorsement of the proposal.**

The VCEC notes the Department of Sustainability and Environment's intention to monitor the By-laws' effectiveness by obtaining feedback from and regular contact with the water corporations, through enforcement of the offence provisions and from any correspondence from the public to the Minister.

In the interests of transparency, it is government policy VCEC's advice be published with the RIS when it is released for consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact RegulationReview@vcec.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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