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Dear Sascha,

Regulatory framework for local water utilities: Consultation draft

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Consultation draft of the regulatory framework for local water utilities (the Draft).

PIAC supports the intent of the Draft and the greater transparency and consistency it introduces to regulation and support of Local Water Utilities (LWUs) in NSW. The Draft makes important progress towards regulation that ensures LWUs operate sustainably, providing affordable water to communities across regional NSW.

PIAC has been involved in the Town Water Risk Reduction Program (TWRRP) processes from the outset and has participated in the performance monitoring and pricing and financial management focus groups, providing detailed feedback on aspects of the Draft.

We have been pleased to contribute through the focus groups, the direct feedback provided to staff of the TWRRP, and through the online survey accompanying the Draft.

PIAC welcomes the opportunity to discuss these matters further with the Town Water Risk Reduction Program team in the future.

Yours sincerely

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