

Ms Naomi Menon Director, Competition Exemptions Australian Competition and Consumer Commission 23 Marcus Clarke Street Canberra ACT 2601

31 January 2024

Dear Ms Menon,

Water Services Association of Australia Ltd Application for Authorisation AA 1000657

We refer to your letter dated 21 December 2023 regarding the Water Services Association of Australia application for authorisation - AA 1000657 (the Application).

The Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the Application.

GAWB is a Queensland Government Bulk Water Supply Authority located in Central Queensland. We supply water to the Gladstone Regional Council, representing approximately 20% of annual supply, with remaining annual volumes supplied to industrial customers.

GAWB is a member of Water Services Association of Australia.

Due to the importance of safe drinking water, a reliable chorine supply is critical. GAWB supports the Application to improve supply chain resilience in relation to gaseous chlorine in Australia.

Yours sincerely

Angela Moody

Chief Financial Officer