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Your Ref: AA1000657

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Dear Ms Lizak

**Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA)  
Application for authorisation AA1000657 (Application)**

We refer to your letter dated 21 December 2023 in relation to the Application and thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission.

Hunter Water Corporation (Hunter Water) is a member of WSAA and supports the Application.

Hunter Water is a NSW State Owned Corporation responsible for providing drinking water, wastewater, recycled water and some stormwater services to a population of more than 629,000 people in homes and business across the Lower Hunter Region of New South Wales.

Our area of operations is 6,671km<sup>2</sup> and includes the local government areas of Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Newcastle, Port Stephens and a small part of Singleton.

Hunter Water is a major user of chlorine for purposes such as ensuring our drinking water is safe for our customers and community. Hunter Water currently manages the supply of chlorine gas via a sole supplier, Ixom Operations Pty Ltd.

Given the paramount importance of safe drinking water, reliable chlorine supply is critical. Hunter Water therefore supports the Application, to improve supply chain resilience in relation to gaseous chlorine in Australia.

Yours sincerely

**Laura Hails**  
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