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Naomi Menon  
Director, Competition Exemption  
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
23 Marcus Clare St  
Canberra ACT 2601

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Dear Ms Menon

**Water Services Association of Australia Limited - application for authorisation  
AA1000657 – draft determination and interim authorisation**

Unitywater welcomes the opportunity to make a submission as part of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) consultation process on the application for authorisation by the Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA).

Water treatment chemicals are a critical part of the domestic water supply chain, ensuring drinking water is safe for consumption. Gaseous chlorine is the primary chemical used by authorities for water sanitisation and securing long term domestic supply arrangements for chlorine is essential.

Unitywater supports the ACCC's proposal to allow WSAA to engage in collective negotiation on chlorine supply for a period of five years. We believe the negotiations will potentially lead to transactional cost savings and enhanced competition within the supply chain, benefiting the water industry and consumers.

If you would like any further information regarding our support for this determination please contact Joshua Zugajev, Executive Manager, Strategic Engagement via [joshua.zugajev@unitywater.com](mailto:joshua.zugajev@unitywater.com).

Yours sincerely

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