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Dear Mr Simovski

**Certification of independent review: ACCC Review of the Water Charge Rules – Final Advice**

I am writing to certify that the attached independent review of the water charges rules made under section 92 of the *Water Act 2007* (Cth) has undertaken a process and analysis equivalent to a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS).

I certify that the review has adequately addressed all seven RIS questions, and is submitted to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) for the purposes of the ACCC providing final advice to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

I also note that the change in the regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals has been quantified using the Australian Government's *Regulatory Burden Measurement* framework. These have been agreed with your office and are provided below.

<b>Regulatory burden and cost offset estimate table</b>				
<b>Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)</b>				
Change in costs (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total change in costs
Total, by sector	-\$0.072	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cost offset (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total, by source

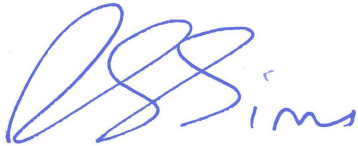
**Regulatory burden and cost offset estimate table**

**Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)**

Agency	NA	NA	NA	NA
Are all new costs offset? NA				
Total (Change in costs – Cost offset) (\$ million) = <b>-\$0.072</b>				

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the attached report meets best practice consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*.

Yours sincerely



Rod Sims  
Chairman

Enclosed:

- Review of the water charge rules: Final Advice