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Dear Mr Koerner

Thank you for your emails of 2 and 4 March 2015 forwarded to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, in his capacity as Minister for Energy and Water Supply by the Office of the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland, Minister for Arts and Member for Inala, regarding the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) review of South East Queensland (SEQ) bulk water prices. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I understand you have concerns about limitations included in the referral notice issued by the former Government for the QCA review of SEQ bulk water prices from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018, and whether the scope of the investigations conform with the Council of Australian Governments agreements on urban water pricing.

The referral notice given to the QCA was issued by the former Government. I note that the QCA has made several recommendations for Government to consider as part of the next review of SEQ bulk water prices including reconsidering the value of the regulated asset base and other matters not considered in the current review (e.g. demand). The Government is currently considering the QCA's final recommendations.

In considering future SEQ bulk water prices the Government will want to achieve a balanced outcome on SEQ bulk water prices in terms of both the impacts on SEQ water customers and also ensuring a financially sustainable bulk water supply for SEQ.

Again, thank you for writing to the Premier and I hope the information I have provided has been useful.

Yours sincerely

**Denise Spinks**  
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