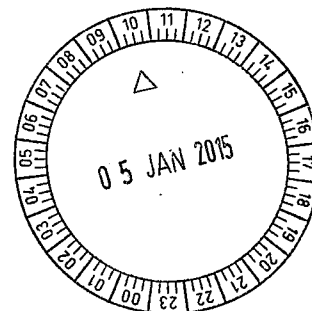


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24 December 2014

Mr David Driscoll  
Parliamentary Officer (Committees)  
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation  
Legislative Council  
Parliament of Western Australia  
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Mr Driscoll,

**Inquiry into access to Australian Standards adopted in delegated legislation**

I refer to the letter of Mr Peter Abetz MLA, dated 4 December 2014, in relation to the above inquiry.

The Water Corporation (Corporation) is of the view that there should be free access to Australian Standards adopted in delegated legislation in Western Australia.

For example, under regulation 42 of the *Water Services Regulations 2013*, the Corporation (a licensee under the *Water Services Act 2012*) can require an owner or occupier of land to install a backflow prevention device if it is satisfied that the plumbing connected to its works presents a contamination risk to water supplied, or to be supplied, by the Corporation.

Where required to do so, the owner or occupier must, in selecting and installing a backflow prevention device, comply with AS 3500.1: 2003. The device must be tested and certified in accordance with and at intervals specified in AS 2845.3-2010 and also maintained in accordance with that Standard.

As compliance with aspects of these standards is required by law, and non-compliance may constitute an offence, the Corporation considers that they should be freely available, along with other delegated legislation.

Please contact me on 9420 2293 if you have any questions in relation to this submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Masarei".

Craig Masarei  
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