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Water Industry Act 1994

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS ORDER 2008 TO 2012

Under the powers section 193 of the **Water Industry Act 1994** (the Act), I make the following Order specifying the following matters –

1. For the purposes of section 193(1) of the Act, I specify that –
 - (a) the period to which the Order relates is the financial years –
 - (i.) beginning at 1 July 2008 and ending on 30 June 2009; and
 - (ii.) beginning at 1 July 2009 and ending on 30 June 2010; and
 - (iii.) beginning at 1 July 2010 and ending on 30 June 2011; and
 - (iv.) beginning at 1 July 2011 and ending on 30 June 2012.
 - (b) the revenue or the class or classes of revenue that are to be used in the calculation of the amount under payable under section 193(1) of the Act, is revenue that relates to retail fixed and variable water/sewer charges, trade waste, irrigation services, stock and domestic and diversion services. It excludes developer charges, gifted assets, bulk water sales and recycled water. The first round of environmental contribution is deducted from revenue figures to avoid double counting.
 - (c) for each financial year specified in clause (a) of this Order, the percentage of the revenue specified under clause (b) of this Order that is to be used in calculating the amount to be paid under section 193(1) of the Act, is –
 - (i.) five per cent in respect of Regional Urban Water Authorities; and
 - (ii.) two per cent in respect of Rural Water Authorities.
 - (d) for each financial year to which this Order relates, the total amount to be raised under section 193(1) of the Act is expected to be –

Financial Year Ending –	Total Amount Raised
30 June 2009	\$69,419,800
30 June 2010	\$69,419,800
30 June 2011	\$69,419,800
30 June 2012	\$69,419,800

- (e) the nature of projects or programs to which the amount being raised under section 193(1) of the Act is proposed to be applied are projects that are likely to promote the sustainable management of water or are likely to address adverse water related environmental impacts; and
- (f) for each financial year to which the Order relates, the arrangements for the payment of the amount payable under section 193(1) of the Act within that year are –
 - (i.) the amount payable by an authority to which this Order relates is to be paid by an authority to which this Order relates within 14 days of the receipt of an invoice from the Department of Sustainability and Environment; and
 - (ii.) invoices will be issued by Department of Sustainability and Environment after the end of the billing cycle of each authority to which this Order relates for each financial year.

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In making an Order, as required by section 193(3) of the Act, I have had regard to, amongst other things, the following –

- (a) the purposes set out in section 194 for which each environmental contribution is collected;
- (b) the ability of all water supply authorities or any particular water supply authority to make an environmental contribution;
- (c) any amount that any particular water supply authority has spent or will spend on funding initiatives that are consistent with the purposes set out in section 194;
- (d) the conclusions reached as a result of the review completed under section 196.

Dated 10 June 2008

TIM HOLDING
Minister for Water

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