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UTILITIES (WATER RESTRICTIONS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2003 (No 1)

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the amendment to the *Utilities (Water Restrictions) Regulations 2002* is to amend clause 6 of the Regulations which provides for Ministerial approval of the water restriction scheme. Ministerial approval will enable the scheme to have consideration to not only the capacity of stored water but also to the quality of stored water available. In this way suitable water quality becomes an additional factor in determining when the scheme is initiated and/or the movement from one stage of the restrictions to another.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS

Clause 1 provides that the name of the regulations is the *Utilities (Water Restrictions Amendment Regulations 2003 (No 1).*

Clause 2 provides that the commencement date of the regulations as the day after their notification.

Clause 3 states that the regulations amend the *Utilities (Water Restrictions) Regulations 2002.*

Clause 4 provides that Regulation 6(1)(c) is amended by omitting Regulation 6(1)(c)(i) and inserting (i) the capacity of stored water available or the quality of stored water available. This amendment extends the basis for imposing the water restrictions scheme by incorporating water quality.