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CAVEAT BRIEF

To: Minister for Planning and Land Management

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From: Director-General, EPSDD
(from Director, Construction, Environment and Workplace Protection, Access
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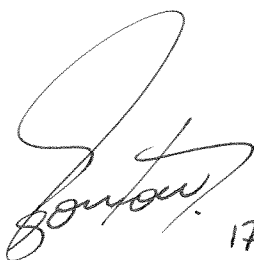
Subject: Icon Water Advice Regarding Stromlo Cross Connection Incident

Key Points

- Icon Water notified Utilities Technical Regulation (UTR) on 16 January 2018 of a cross connection of the 450 mm treated water main in the Cotter precinct. This cross connection has resulted in raw water from Bendora Dam being supplied into the 450 mm potable water main. This water supplies the ANU Observatory, a number of rural properties as well as Greenhill's Conference Centre and Camp Cottermouth Scout Camp.
- Icon Water advises that ACT Health and all affected customers have been contacted and the incident is being managed by Icon Water using their Business Continuity Plan.
- Icon Water has committed to undertake a detailed investigation upon resolution of the incident and provide written advice to UTR.
- Icon Water has reported two other, similar incidents during the last 18 months. The treated effluent service main was connected to potable water facilities during a construction project at the Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre. We understand that the second incident involved the interconnection of raw and potable water mains, but on a smaller scale than the current incident.

Next Steps

- UTR is working with Icon Water to understand why cross connection incidents have taken place. Further briefing of the Technical Regulator will take place once the detailed investigation is completed.
- The risk to human health from the most recent cross contamination incident is considered as low.


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