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Dear Mr Barr

Review of the methodology for setting the ACT Government's water abstraction charge (WAC)

It is my pleasure to provide you with the Commission's report on the ACT's water abstraction charging methodology.

On 30 October 2023, the commission received a request from you to undertake a review of the methodology for setting the ACT Government's fees and charges for water.

The commission was provided with a scope of work for the project under the provisions of Section 12 of the *Independent Competition and Regulatory Act 1997*. The commission has now met the requirement to submit a report to the Treasurer and Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction by 29 February 2024.

The objective of the review is to assist the Territory set its water charges at an appropriate level while also supporting the Territory to achieve its desired water policy outcomes. In addition, the review aims to ensure that the Territory water charges are consistent with its obligations under a number of intergovernmental agreements entered into since the commission first developed a methodology for setting the WAC in 2003.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Dimasi
Senior Commissioner

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