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Clinton Rodda  
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Dear Mr Rodda,



**Re: Barwon Downs borefield licence – application for renewal (BEE032496)**

I am pleased to submit Barwon Water's application for the renewal of the Barwon Downs borefield licence, made under section 58 of the *Water Act 1989*.

The Barwon Downs borefield is a critical component of Geelong's future water supply needs and will be vital in meeting the needs of the region's rapidly growing population.

In preparing this licence application, Barwon Water has undertaken a thorough community consultation process, which included community information sessions, briefings with regulatory agencies and Landcare groups and three independently facilitated community and stakeholder workshops.

Further to this, a comprehensive suite of scientific monitoring and technical studies form the basis of our application. Our assessment of these studies provides confidence we can manage this critical water resource sustainably, in turn safeguarding the region's water security.

Our application outlines our commitment to rebuilding trust and positive relationships with our community, while recognising the value of the environment and the importance of this resource.

If you have any questions regarding the licence application, please contact Peter Morgan, Manager Asset Planning on (03) 5226 2429.

Yours sincerely,



**Tracey Slatter**  
**Managing Director**

Encl: Barwon Downs borefield licence – application for renewal (BEE032496)  
Technical and monitoring studies  
Background and submission document