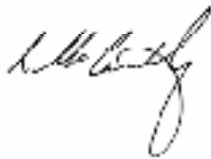


Standard Supply Contract  
(Channel & Pipeline)  
Warrego, Paroo, Bulloo and  
Nebine Catchments

*Water Act 2000*

Section 122A – Chief executive may approve standard  
supply contracts

I, Robert Michael McCarthy, chief executive of the Department of  
Natural Resources and Mines approve the following standard supply  
contract for the storage and delivery by resource operations licence  
holders of water under water allocations in the Warrego, Paroo,  
Bulloo and Nebine catchments.



Robert Michael McCarthy  
Chief Executive

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## Parties

This Agreement applies to the:

1. ROL Holder; and
  2. holder of an Allocation granted under the Resource Operations Plan who has not otherwise entered into a supply contract with ROL Holder for the Allocation on the day the Allocation is recorded on the Water Allocations Register (“**Customer**”).
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## Background

- A This is the standard supply contract approved by the chief executive under section 122A of the Act for the storage and delivery by a resource operations licence holder of water under a water allocation in the Regulated Area.
- B ROL Holder is the holder of the Resource Operations Licence for the water infrastructure in the Regulated Area.
- C The Customer is the holder of a water allocation granted under the Resource Operations Plan and managed under the Resource Operations Licence.
- D On the day the Allocation is granted, ROL Holder and the Customer have not entered into a supply contract for the Allocation.
- E This Agreement applies to the Customer and ROL Holder from the Commencement Date under section 122A of the Act, and records the terms for the storage and delivery by ROL Holder of water under the Allocation.
- F The entitlement of the Customer to water arises from the holding of a water allocation under the Act and not from this Agreement.
- G ROL Holder operates the Distribution Network and will divert into the Distribution Network the water which the Customer is entitled to divert under the Customer’s ROL Contract from the Regulated Area.
- H The Customer acknowledges that considerable amounts of money have been spent in establishing the Distribution Network and there are considerable fixed costs associated with the Distribution Network.
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## Operative Provisions

### 1. Term

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The term of this Agreement will begin on the Commencement Date and end on the day that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

### 2. Agreement for diversion of water

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ROL Holder will divert water into the Distribution Network and the Customer agrees to accept the diversion of water by ROL Holder on the terms of this Agreement.

### 3. Diversion of water

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ROL Holder must divert water on behalf of the Customer into the Distribution Network, as ROL Holder reasonably estimates will satisfy the likely demand of the Customer from time to time. The Customer accepts that the diversion of water by ROL Holder is subject to:

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- (a) the Resource Operations Licence;
- (b) the water available under the Customer's ROL Contract;
- (c) the capacity of the Distribution Network from time to time;
- (d) ROL Holder's estimate of the likely demand of other customers within the Distribution Network;
- (e) the provisions of the Act; and
- (f) this Agreement.

### **4. Overall statutory framework for services**

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In the performance of this Agreement, ROL Holder and the Customer acknowledges and agrees that, under the Act, each party is required to comply with:

- (a) the Act; and
- (b) the Strategic Asset Management Plan.

### **5. ROL Holder's obligations**

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- (a) ROL Holder shall maintain and keep the Meter in good repairs including replacing all faulty parts and repairing any damage to or malfunction in the Meter as soon as reasonably practicable after ROL Holder becomes aware of a damage or fault.
- (b) If the Customer is not in breach of clause 12.1 or 13.2, ROL Holder shall repair the Meter at ROL Holder's cost.
- (c) ROL Holder shall divert water to the Distribution Network;
- (d) Where consultation is required under this Agreement, ROL Holder shall:
  - (i) consult fairly and reasonably with the Customer or any entity representing customers of ROL Holder within the Distribution Network; and
  - (ii) allow the Customer a reasonable opportunity to participate in any such consultation.
- (e) ROL Holder shall, at approximately annual intervals, during this Agreement publish a report comparing the performance of ROL Holder with the Service Targets.
- (f) ROL Holder shall publish Service Targets for the Distribution Network and revise these from time to time after considering changes in customer needs determined through customer consultation, and changes in industry practice and procedures.

### **6. Customer's obligations**

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The Customer:

- (a) may take only the water the Customer is entitled to take under the Customer's ROL Contract through the ROL Holder Diversion Works and the Customer's Offtake Works;
- (b) the maximum diversion rate under clause 12.4 may be varied from time to time:
  - (i) by agreement between the parties under this clause; and
  - (ii) either for a fixed period of time or on a permanent basis, provided the variation does not breach a Law or have the potential to adversely impact on another person.
- (c) in taking water, must comply with:
  - (i) the approval or any variation of that approval under clause 12.4 including the configuration, specifications of and maximum diversion rate from the Customer's Offtake Works;
  - (ii) this Agreement;
  - (iii) each State Direction; and
  - (iv) the ROL Holder Distribution Rules.

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- (d) must not, by any act or omission, cause ROL Holder to breach the Act;
- (e) must not take more than the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume, except as allowed by this Agreement;
- (f) where a system for the ordering of water is in place under the ROL Holder Distribution Rules:
  - (i) must take water only to the extent the Customer has complied with the ordering system;
  - (ii) must not take water at a rate or volume greater than the amount ordered;
  - (iii) must take reasonable measures to take all water that has been ordered by the Customer, unless:
    - (A) it is unreasonable for the Customer to take water; or
    - (B) the Customer was unable to take the water due to an Event of Force Majeure; or
    - (C) in the Customer's reasonable opinion, the water was not of a suitable quality for the Customer's usual purposes; or
    - (D) an exception provided for under the ROL Holder Distribution Rules applies.
  - (iv) agrees that all water ordered will be accounted for under the water sharing rules administered under the Resource Operations Licence (that is, where the water sharing rules contain capacity sharing arrangements or provide for water accounting at the ROL Holder Works and at the ROL Holder Diversion Works, water orders by the Customer will be used to determine water available to the Customer; where water sharing rules do not provide for water accounting at the ROL Holder Works or the ROL Holder Diversion Works, water meter readings will be used to determine water available to the Customer);
- (g) where access conditions for restricting the taking of water are in place under the ROL Holder Distribution Rules, must:
  - (i) take water only to the extent the Customer has complied with the access conditions;
  - (ii) take water only at the rate and times to which the Customer is entitled under the access conditions at the available pressure; and
  - (iii) not take more water than the amount to which the Customer is entitled under the access conditions;
- (h) bears the risks of:
  - (i) destruction of or damage to the Customer's Offtake Works from an Event of Force Majeure or resulting from ROL Holder's diverting water, in accordance with this Agreement or any other agreement or the Resource Operations Licence;
  - (ii) Transportation Losses;
  - (iii) the exercise of a Statutory Right including for example, a water permit issued by the Regulator; and
  - (iv) any action taken under a State Direction;
- (i) during the Term, must procure and maintain in full force and effect and comply with the terms of:
  - (i) the Customer's Water Entitlement;
  - (ii) the Customer's Development Permit; and
  - (iii) the Customer's ROL Contract, including making all payments when due under the Customer's ROL Contract;
- (j) exclusively authorises ROL Holder to divert, on the Customer's behalf, water available to the Customer under the Customer's ROL Contract;
- (k) must not divert from the Regulated Area water the subject of this Agreement; and

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- (l) irrevocably authorises ROL Holder to order on behalf of the Customer a release of water under the Customer's ROL Contract.

### **7. Separate agreements**

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Where the Customer and ROL Holder have made an agreement, whether before or after the making of this Agreement, in addition to this Agreement, which relates to water within the Regulated Area, then:

- (a) default by the Customer under any such agreement constitutes default by the Customer under each such agreement;
- (b) amounts owing by ROL Holder under one agreement may be set off against amounts owing by the Customer to ROL Holder under every other agreement;
- (c) any security provided in connection with an agreement may be used by ROL Holder as if given as security for obligations under all agreements and for all debts due by the Customer to ROL Holder;
- (d) a failure to pay any debt due by the Customer to ROL Holder when due, is a default under each such agreement.

### **8. Other Distribution Services**

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If the Customer is not in breach of this Agreement and the Customer requests ROL Holder, under this clause, then ROL Holder must provide:

- (a) connection services (including ROL Holder's procuring and installing a meter);
- (b) disconnection services (including ROL Holder's arranging for the removal of a meter);
- (c) extra meter reading services (involving ROL Holder's reading a meter in addition to a reading anticipated under this Agreement);
- (d) meter testing services (including ROL Holder's procuring testing of a meter); or
- (e) further services (involving such other services as ROL Holder may offer from time to time).

### **9. Charges**

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#### **9.1 Distribution Charges**

The Customer must pay the ROL Holder:

- (a) Distribution Charges for the Distribution Services;
- (b) for the services referred to in clauses 8(a) to 8(d), the relevant Other Distribution Charges;
- (c) for the services referred to in clause 8(e), where:
  - (i) ROL Holder has indicated that it is prepared to offer the further service; and
  - (ii) ROL Holder has stated the terms of providing the further service, including the price and payment of a deposit;

the price stated if it is a fixed price, otherwise a reasonable price having regard to the cost (including administration and overhead costs) to ROL Holder in undertaking the further service;

- (d) any money due by ROL Holder, to the holder of another resource operations licence, where the ROL Holder has diverted water that has been taken by the Customer.

#### **9.2 Invoicing**

ROL Holder may, unless otherwise required by Law, render an invoice to the Customer for:

- (a) Distribution Charges and Additional Charges at approximately the Billing Interval or as published in the ROL Holder Distribution Rules;
- (b) Other Distribution Charges after performance of the Other Distribution Services;

- (c) Where the Distribution Charges are the Minimum Charge, annually in arrears subject to clause 9.3.

### **9.3 Payment on account for Minimum Charge**

Where, in the ROL Holder's reasonable opinion, the Minimum Charge will apply for the Distribution Charges in any Water Year, ROL Holder may render an invoice for the Minimum Charge in advance with any adjustment to be made in the last invoice for the relevant Water Year.

### **9.4 Calculation and payment of Charges**

- (a) Distribution Fixed Charges shall be calculated and payable in advance for the relevant period in which the invoice is rendered.
- (b) Distribution Consumption Charges and Additional Charges shall be rendered in arrears for the period for which meter readings have been taken on behalf of ROL Holder.
- (c) The balance payable for Other Distribution Charges for Other Distribution Services shall be rendered in arrears after performance of the services.

### **9.5 Re-invoicing after errors**

- (a) If an error is discovered in the amount shown in any invoice, within 2 years from the date of the invoice, ROL Holder may issue a subsequent invoice, with an amount reflecting the error.
- (b) If the error is such that ROL Holder is to reimburse the Customer, reimbursement may be effected by carrying the reimbursable amount forward to be set off against amounts payable on the next invoice or by refunding the reimbursable amount on request by the Customer. Such a request may be made by telephone or in writing to ROL Holder.
- (c) If the error is such that the Customer is obliged to pay ROL Holder an additional amount, then ROL Holder must invoice the Customer for the amount, with the amount becoming due as provided for in clause 9.6.

### **9.6 Payment**

- (a) The Customer must pay invoices within 30 days after the date of the invoice.
- (b) Where the Customer notified ROL Holder of a dispute about the invoice under clause 26, the Customer must pay to ROL Holder the undisputed amount in accordance with this clause. Once the dispute is resolved, the agreed amount outstanding must be paid within 30 days of the day the dispute is resolved between the parties.

### **9.7 Interest on arrears**

Any amounts charged to ROL Holder under clause 21.1, if not paid by the Customer when due, will accrue interest at either the rate applicable to such amount under any agreement between the Customer and ROL Holder or otherwise at the Overdue Rate, calculated on a daily basis and compounded at the end of each calendar month, from the due date for payment up to and including the date the unpaid amount is paid. ROL Holder may include interest payable under this clause in an invoice subsequently forwarded to the Customer.

### **9.8 Charges for water ordered but not taken**

- (a) If, in ROL Holder's reasonable opinion, the failure to take water by the Customer in accordance with clause 6(f)(iii), either represents a risk that:
  - (i) ROL Holder is in breach of its obligations under any Law; or
  - (ii) the holder of the Resource Operations Licence is in breach of the obligations under the Resource Operations Licence; or
  - (iii) the rights and interests of other customers within the Distribution Network will be adversely affected;

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then, ROL Holder may exercise a right to require the Customer to pay the Distribution Consumption Charges for all water ordered but not taken by the Customer. If the relevant charge is included in an invoice issued by ROL Holder within 3 months of the end of the Water Year, the Customer must pay the relevant charge.

- (b) However, nothing in this clause shall limit any other rights of ROL Holder under this Agreement or otherwise against the Customer in relation to any such breach. In particular, ROL Holder may require the Customer to pay an amount equal to the costs reasonably incurred by ROL Holder in complying with the Customer's order, less the relevant charge for Distribution Consumption Charges.

### **9.9 Consequences for Water Ordered but Not Taken**

Where ROL Holder forms the opinion referred to in clause 9.8, and the sum of the water ordered but not taken, and the water taken, exceeds of the total of the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume, the Customer shall be deemed to be in breach of clause 6(e).

## **10. Amendment of Agreement**

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### **10.1 Changes to terms and conditions**

The Customer acknowledges and agrees that some provisions of this Agreement may be rendered inappropriate over time and accept that ROL Holder may initiate consultation with the Customer or any group representing customers of ROL Holder within the Regulated Area (if such group exists) with a view to establishing new or varied terms and conditions.

### **10.2 Notice of change**

Where, after consultation with the Customer or a group representing customers of ROL Holder within the Distribution Network, ROL Holder has determined new or variations to terms and conditions in relation to the Distribution Services, ROL Holder may by written notice given to the Customer no later than 3 months prior to a Review Date, notify the Customer of the new or varied terms and conditions.

### **10.3 Customer's response**

- (a) If the Customer, prior to the relevant Review Date, accepts in writing the new or varied terms and conditions, then on and from the relevant Review Date this Agreement shall terminate and the new agreement shall apply.
- (b) If the Customer does not accept the new or varied terms and conditions by the relevant Review Date, this Agreement will continue on the same terms and conditions unless ROL Holder terminates by written notice to the Customer no later than 3 months after the relevant Review Date.

### **10.4 Failure to hold a Customer's ROL Contract**

If, on a Review Date, the Customer does not hold a Customer's ROL Contract, this Agreement shall automatically terminate on and from that Review Date.

## **11. ROL Holder Distribution Rules and Charges**

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### **11.1 ROL Holder Distribution Rules**

ROL Holder may make and amend rules and guidelines including rules providing an ordering system for water or access conditions for the taking of water (such as the time and rate of taking) concerning the Distribution Network, including:

- (a) implementing ROL Holder's rights and obligations regarding the operation of the Distribution Network;
- (b) setting out, clarifying or amending the rights and obligations of ROL Holder and the Customer under this Agreement; and
- (c) guidelines for the exercise of ROL Holder's discretion under this Agreement,

provided that the ROL Holder Distribution Rules:

- (d) are not inconsistent with any Law applying to the operation of the Distribution Network;
- (e) are not inconsistent with the Strategic Asset Management Plan; and
- (f) have been the subject of consultation with the Customer or any group representing customers of ROL Holder within the Distribution Network (if such group exists).

## **11.2 ROL Holder Distribution Charges**

- (a) ROL Holder may make or amend:
  - (i) the Other Distribution Charges and the Minimum Charge from time to time, and shall publish particulars of such Other Charges; and
  - (ii) the Distribution Consumption Charge or Distribution Fixed Charge on and from a Review Date as provided in clause 11.3, except where the charges are Regulated Charges.
- (b) Where the Distribution Consumption Charge or Distribution Fixed Charge is no longer a Regulated Charge, the Distribution Consumption Charge or Distribution Fixed Charge (as applicable) will cease to be the Regulated Charge on and from the next Review Date.

## **11.3 Process to make or amend the Distribution Consumption Charges or Distribution Fixed Charges**

- (a) At least 6 months prior to a Review Date ROL Holder may notify the Customer in writing of the amount of the Distribution Consumption Charges and/or the Distribution Fixed Charges on and from the relevant Review Date.
- (b) In determining such Distribution Charges ROL Holder, shall:
  - (i) act reasonably; and
  - (ii) have regard to the criteria, which would be taken into account under any statutory regime for prices oversight from time to time applying in Queensland.
- (c) ROL Holder's determination of the charges referred to in subclause (a), shall be final and binding on the parties unless the same is manifestly unreasonable having regard to the criteria which would be taken into account under any statutory regime for prices oversight from time to time applying in Queensland.

## **11.4 Index review of the Distribution Consumption Charges or Distribution Fixed Charges**

Where the relevant Charges are not Regulated Charges, on and from each 1 July which is not a Review Date, the Distribution Consumption Charges and the Distribution Fixed Charges shall be increased by the proportion by which the Index Number last published for the period immediately prior to the relevant 1 April has increased, over the Index Number published for the relevant period immediately prior to the preceding 1 April.

## **12. Customer Obligations – ROL Holder Diversion Works and Customer's Offtake Works**

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### **12.1 Customer not to damage**

The Customer shall not damage, or by any act or omission permit damage, to the ROL Holder Diversion Works or the Distribution Network. An example of "omission" as used in this clause 12.1 is the failure to maintain the Customer's Offtake Works.

### **12.2 Customer to notify damage**

The Customer, on becoming aware of any actual or threatened damage to, or malfunction in the ROL Holder Diversion Works or the Distribution Network, must promptly notify ROL Holder:

- (a) where the damage or malfunction is serious, verbally and subsequently in writing; and
- (b) otherwise in a manner convenient to the Customer.

**12.3 Customer's operation of ROL Holder Diversion Works**

Where the Customer, at ROL Holder's request, carries out activities or performs services for the operation of the ROL Holder Diversion Works or the Distribution Network, the Customer shall carry out such activities and services reasonably and promptly and with proper care and attention.

**12.4 Customer's Offtake Works to be approved**

Prior to installing or altering the Customer's Offtake Works the Customer must obtain the prior written approval of ROL Holder to the Customer's Offtake Works, including the configuration, specifications of and maximum diversion rates for any pump included in the Customer's Offtake Works, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld.

**12.5 Operation and maintenance of Customer's Offtake Works**

The Customer must:

- (a) operate in accordance with sound operating procedures and manufacturer's specifications and with any requirements in the ROL Holder Distribution Rules; and
- (b) maintain in good working order and condition, the Customer's Offtake Works.

**12.6 Limitation of Customer's liability**

Nothing in clauses 12.1 or 12.3 makes the Customer liable to ROL Holder for an Event of Force Majeure or for operating the Distribution Network in accordance with ROL Holder's instructions in 12.3.

**12.7 Access by Customer**

During the Term of this Agreement the Customer, and any person nominated or authorised by the Customer, will access the Customer's Offtake Works for the purpose of operation, maintenance, meter reading, and carrying out such activities and services requested by ROL Holder under clause 12.3, at the risk of the Customer or such other authorised person.

**13. Meter/Measurement**

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**13.1 Meter installation**

- (a) Unless this requirement is waived by ROL Holder a Meter acceptable to ROL Holder must be acquired and installed, at the cost of the Customer, within the Customer's Offtake Works or ROL Holder Distribution Works.
- (b) The Customer may:
  - (i) install the Meter itself;
  - (ii) arrange for a third party to install the Meter; or
  - (iii) request ROL Holder to install the Meter in accordance with clause 6 of this Agreement.
- (c) Any party installing a Meter shall install the same correctly in accordance with the approval under clause 12.4.
- (d) ROL Holder's right under subclause (a) includes the right to require the replacement or upgrade of a Meter already installed:
  - (i) at ROL Holder's cost, where such replacement or upgrading is necessary in the reasonable opinion of ROL Holder; or
  - (ii) at Customer's cost, where the Customer has breached clause 13.2.

**13.2 No actions affecting Meter**

The Customer must not:

- (a) damage, or by any act or omission permit damage to the Meter; or

- (b) do or omit to do anything which may affect:
  - (i) the accuracy of any Meter used by ROL Holder in connection with this Agreement;
  - (ii) the operation of the Customer's Offtake Works or any Meter used by ROL Holder so as to render inaccurate the recording of the volume of water taken; or
  - (iii) the capacity of the Customer's Offtake Works to take water.

An example of "omission" as used in this clause 13.2, is the failure to maintain the Customer's Offtake Works.

### **13.3 Ownership of Meter**

- (a) A Meter acquired and installed by ROL Holder remains the property of ROL Holder despite any payment by the Customer.
- (b) Any Meter installed by the Customer shall, upon installation, become and remain the property of ROL Holder.

### **13.4 Meter readings**

When directed by ROL Holder, or as required by the ROL Holder Distribution Rules (including where the Customer is taking water under a Statutory Right), the Customer must:

- (a) take readings (including date, time and volume readings) from the Meter;
- (b) advise ROL Holder (by telephone or fax) of the reading within 24 hours of taking the reading;
- (c) maintain written records of such readings; and
- (d) provide copies of such records to ROL Holder (if requested by ROL Holder).

### **13.5 Access by ROL Holder**

At all reasonable times, the Customer must ensure that ROL Holder, and any person nominated or authorised by ROL Holder, has safe and convenient access to the Meter and the Customer's Offtake Works for the purposes of reading, testing, maintaining, repairing, calibrating and removing the Meter and to determine if the Customer is complying with this Agreement.

### **13.6 Disclosure of records**

- (a) By ROL Holder

The Customer authorises ROL Holder to make available to:

- (i) the Regulator;
- (ii) a holder of a resource operations licence in the Regulated Area;
- (iii) Related Bodies Corporate;
- (iv) any other person as required under any Law; and
- (v) with the consent of the Customer, any person proposing a dealing with the Customer's Allocation,

such information and records concerning the Customer, the Customer's Allocation, the Meter and the volumes of water taken, as is required by Law or to which the Customer consents or which may be required for the proposed dealing.

- (b) By the Regulator or other holder

The Customer authorises the Regulator and a holder of a resource operations licence in the Regulated Area, with whom the Customer has a contract for the supply of water, to make available to ROL Holder such information and records concerning the Customer, a Water allocation of the Customer under such other contract and a copy of such other contract, as is required to enable ROL Holder to determine whether the Customer has complied with this Agreement or to enable ROL Holder to issue an invoice to the Customer.

- (c) By the electricity supplier

The Customer authorises any electricity supplier to supply to ROL Holder, particulars of electricity consumption by the Customer for the taking of water.

### **13.7 Report malfunctions, damage**

The Customer, on becoming aware of any actual or threatened damage to or malfunction in the Meter, must promptly notify ROL Holder:

- (a) where the damage or malfunction is serious, verbally as soon as possible and subsequently in writing within seven days of the Customer becoming aware; and
- (b) where the damage is of a minor nature only, in a manner convenient to the Customer be that either in writing or verbally within seven days of the Customer becoming aware.

### **13.8 Removal of Meter on termination**

On Termination of this Agreement under clause 24.1, ROL Holder may remove the Meter and seal off any ROL Holder Diversion Works or Distribution Network at the cost of the Customer.

### **13.9 Estimate**

- (a) If, for any period during the current Water Year or the preceding Water Year only:
- (i) ROL Holder has reasonable grounds to believe that the Meter is or was not measuring accurately;
- (ii) no Meter is installed;
- (iii) access to the Meter was not obtained for any reason; or
- (iv) ROL Holder has reasonable grounds to believe the Customer has not strictly complied with the requirements of clauses 13.2, 13.4 or 13.7,

to determine applicable Distribution Consumption Charges, ROL Holder may make an estimate of the volume of water taken by the Customer over that period. Any estimate made by ROL Holder under this clause may be issued as a separate invoice by ROL Holder and shall bind the Customer;

- (b) In making such an estimate, ROL Holder must consult with the Customer, act reasonably and may have regard to any relevant matter including water ordered by the Customer, the Customer's prior water use history, hours pumped, electricity consumed, industry practice or the area under irrigation;
- (c) Clause 26 will apply to this a dispute on an estimate under this clause;
- (d) examples of "reasonable grounds" under subclause (a), include:
- (i) testing of the Meter; or
- (ii) timing the Meter against a known discharge; or
- (iii) where the Meter is not registering and water is being taken.

### **13.10 Customer to assist**

The Customer shall:

- (a) upon request by ROL Holder, supply to ROL Holder any relevant document or information in the possession or control of the Customer, which would assist ROL Holder in making an estimate under clause 13.9;
- (b) permit ROL Holder or any person authorised by ROL Holder to have access to, and read, any electricity meter recording electricity used in connection with the taking of water; and
- (c) permit ROL Holder or any person authorised by ROL Holder to have access to the land of the Customer for any purpose reasonably associated with the performance of this Agreement or

carrying out its responsibilities in connection with the management of the Distribution Network.

### **13.11 Testing and calibrating at request of Customer**

- (a) The Customer may request ROL Holder to test and calibrate the Meter. Where the Meter is operating within the manufacturer's specifications or the Customer has not complied with clause 13.2, the Customer shall meet the cost of such testing and calibration, otherwise the cost shall be met by ROL Holder.
- (b) If the Meter is tested and found to be operating within the manufacturer's specification, then ROL Holder may make an estimate of the volume of water taken by the Customer in accordance with clause 13.9(b) and adjust the charges payable by the Customer to ROL Holder for the current Water Year.
- (c) Nothing in this clause 13.11 shall affect the right of the Customer to have the Meter tested and calibrated by a certified testing authority, where the Customer has obtained the prior consent of ROL Holder to the testing and calibration. Such consent must not be unreasonably withheld by ROL Holder.

## **14. Non-diversion authorisations**

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### **14.1 Suspension or restriction of diversions**

ROL Holder may suspend or restrict diversions of water by ROL Holder on behalf of the Customer and the taking of water by the Customer:

- (a) during maintenance or replacement of either the Distribution Network or the ROL Holder Diversion Works, or of the water infrastructure of the holder of the Resource Operations Licence;
- (b) where the holder of the Resource Operations Licence is carrying out works for new water infrastructure;
- (c) where, in the reasonable opinion of ROL Holder, such diversion or taking:
  - (i) may cause or contribute to damage to the property, livestock, crops or assets of any person (including ROL Holder or the Customer);
  - (ii) may cause or contribute to loss of life or injury to persons;
  - (iii) may cause or contribute to an adverse effect on public health;
  - (iv) is likely to constitute a breach by ROL Holder of its obligations under, any Law or an agreement;
  - (v) would be impractical considering the level of demand, performance of the Distribution Network (including potential water losses) and the requirements of other customers taking water from the Distribution Network or within the Regulated Area at the time;
  - (vi) would not be allowed under the Water Resources Plan, the Resource Operations Plan or the Resource Operations Licence;
- (d) by reason of an Event of Force Majeure;
- (e) due to the non-availability or limited availability of water for diversion into the Distribution Network, for any reason;
- (f) where the Customer is not entitled to take water under the Customer's ROL Contract and the holder of the Resource Operations Licence has given notice to ROL Holder;
- (g) where provided for, under the ROL Holder Distribution Rules.

### **14.2 Direction not to take water**

Where

- (a) the Customer:
  - (i) has committed a material breach of this Agreement;
  - (ii) is in arrears for more than 2 months;
  - (iii) has breached this Agreement and has not reimbursed ROL Holder for costs incurred by ROL Holder in rectifying the breach;
  - (iv) has not provided the security required under clause 26;
  - (v) has breached any of clauses 6(a), 6(c), 6(d), 6(e), 6(g), 13.2, 13.5 or 13.10,ROL Holder may direct the Customer or any person diverting or taking the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume, not to divert or take water under the Customer's Allocation.
- (b) The direction under this clause must give a reasonable time within which:
  - (i) the Customer must object in writing, to the direction; and
  - (ii) the Customer must take the remedial steps required, with examples of "reasonable times" being:
    - (A) 7 days, for the payment of outstanding debt; and
    - (B) 14 days, for the provision of security under clause 25.

### **14.3 Consequences of ordering and not taking water**

If, in the reasonable opinion of ROL Holder, the breach by the Customer of clause 6(f)(iii), either represents a risk that:

- (a) there is a breach of the Act; or
- (b) the rights and interests of other customers taking water from the Distribution Network or within the Regulated Area will be adversely affected;

then ROL Holder must notify the Customer within 3 months of the end of the Water Year in which the breach occurred, that:

- (c) the entitlement of the Customer to take under this Agreement the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume is reduced, by the volume of water not taken; and
- (d) the reduction will be made from the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume in the current and subsequent Water Years until the volume of water not taken has been entirely deducted.

The parties acknowledge and agree that action or inaction by ROL Holder under the provisions of this clause, does not prevent ROL Holder from taking action under another clause of this Agreement.

### **14.4 If Customer does not comply with direction not to take water**

Where ROL Holder considers that the Customer, or a person to whom the direction is given, has not complied with or will not comply with a direction under clause 14.2, ROL Holder may take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Customer or other person complies with the direction, including:

- (a) not diverting water under this Agreement;
- (b) stopping the Customer or other person taking water by making modifications to the Distribution Network, the ROL Holder Diversion Works, the Meter, the Customer's Off-Take Works or the Customer's Additional Works.

## **15. Water quality**

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### **15.1 No warranty by ROL Holder**

ROL Holder makes no representation and gives no warranty:

- (a) about the quality of water within the Distribution Network or the ROL Holder Diversion Works or the Regulated Area;

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- (b) that any actions, measures or steps will be taken by ROL Holder to prevent any adverse effects on the quality of water in the Distribution Network or the Regulated Area, within the ROL Holder Diversion Works or after its diversion and prior to its taking by or on behalf of the Customer; or
- (c) that water within the Distribution Network or the ROL Holder Diversion Works, the Regulated Area or available for diversion or taking at the Customer's Offtake Works is potable or suitable for any purpose (whether or not it is a purpose to which ROL Holder knows the Customer may put the water).

### **15.2 Acknowledgement by Customer**

The Customer acknowledges and agrees ROL Holder may, from time to time, add chemicals to water in the Distribution Network for overall maintenance purposes including weed control and that such chemicals will affect water quality.

### **15.3 Customer to test**

The Customer shall satisfy itself about the quality of water by testing or other means prior to taking water from the Distribution Network or diverting water from the Regulated Area by ROL Holder.

### **15.4 Customer to indemnify**

The Customer must indemnify ROL Holder against each claim, action, proceeding, judgment, damage, loss, expense or liability incurred or suffered by or brought or made or recovered against ROL Holder:

- (a) in connection with the quality of water within the Distribution Network, the ROL Holder Diversion Works and the Regulated Area where an act or omission of the Customer (whether or not under this Agreement) has affected the quality of such water;
- (b) by any person to whom the Customer has supplied water or who the Customer has allowed to take water.

### **15.5 Release by Customer**

The Customer releases ROL Holder from all claims, actions, demands, proceedings and liability which it may have or claim to have or but for this release might have had against ROL Holder connected with:

- (a) the quality of water within the Distribution Network, the ROL Holder Diversion Works, the Regulated Area or taken by the Customer; or
- (b) the addition of chemicals to water in the Distribution Network as acknowledged in clause 15.2.

## **16. Additional Water Taken by Customer**

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The Customer acknowledges and agrees that ROL Holder may, in the circumstances stated in the ROL Holder Distribution Rules, from time to time, divert to the Distribution Network water which the Customer may take in addition to the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume on:

- (a) complying with the ROL Holder Distribution Rules;
- (b) complying with clause 13.4; and
- (c) paying the Additional Charges for the water taken by the Customer.

## **17. Decommissioning of Distribution Network by ROL Holder**

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Where the total of all Water Entitlements located at the ROL Holder Diversion Location and the subject of an existing distribution contract for diversion into the Distribution Network becomes less than 10% of the Distribution Network's capacity, then ROL Holder may terminate this Agreement by notice in writing to the Customer. This Agreement shall terminate two years after notice is given by ROL Holder under this clause.

**18. Assignment/Subcontracting by ROL Holder**

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**18.1 Assignment by ROL Holder**

ROL Holder may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any person provided such person enters into a covenant in favour of the Customer to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement.

**18.2 ROL Holder may Subcontract**

ROL Holder may subcontract the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement, but any subcontracting does not release ROL Holder from liability for performance of that obligation.

**19. Amendment of Customer's ROL Contract**

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**19.1 Further Supply Contract**

The Customer shall not enter into a variation of the Customer's ROL Contract or a new ROL Contract except:

- (a) as a consequence of an application referred to in clause 19.3; and
- (b) unless:
  - (i) ROL Holder and the Customer have entered into a further supply contract or an amendment to this Agreement on terms acceptable to ROL Holder in its absolute discretion; and
  - (ii) where the holder of the Resource Operations Licence and the other party to the contract, have entered into a further supply contract or an amendment to the other supply agreement.

**19.2 Acknowledgement of consequences**

The Customer acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) until this clause has been complied with:
  - (i) all Charges payable under this Agreement remain payable to ROL Holder; and
  - (ii) ROL Holder is not obliged to take any action to deliver water as proposed by the Customer in the variation;
- (b) ROL Holder in exercising its discretion in clause 19.1(b)(i):
  - (i) will not act in a way that reduces the income of ROL Holder from the Distribution Network; and
  - (ii) may require a single payment to pay out the Customer's obligations under this Agreement.

**19.3 Notice of Application**

If the Customer applies:

- (a) to amend, transfer, lease or deal with the Customer's Allocation (being a water allocation); or
- (b) for a change to the Customer's Allocation (being a water allocation);
- (c) for or enters into a contract to acquire, lease or deal with a Water allocation from the Regulated Area,

in whole or in part then the Customer shall give written notice of the application to ROL Holder promptly after the application is made.

**19.4 ROL Holder's duty unaffected**

Where, under the Act, ROL Holder is to approve the amendment, transfer, lease, dealing with or change referred to in this clause, the Customer acknowledges and agrees that ROL Holder is obliged to

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carry out its responsibility under the Act strictly in accordance with the terms of the Act and any other Law binding on it without regard to this Agreement.

### **19.5 Further or amended supply contract**

Where ROL Holder is to approve the amendment, transfer, lease, dealing with, change or Temporary Transfer then its statutory responsibility or ROL Holder's decision under a ROL Contract, is not to affect or impede the exercise of its discretion in relation to making or amending a supply contract.

### **19.6 Seasonal water assignment**

The Customer may apply to reduce or increase the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume for a period within a single Water Year. This will be dealt with as a variation to this Agreement, on terms acceptable to both the Customer and ROL Holder in their absolute discretion.

## **20. Alternative Location for Taking Water**

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### **20.1 Notice to ROL Holder**

If the Customer wishes to nominate an alternative Location for Taking Water for taking all or a part of the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume in the Water Year or for a number of Water Years, the Customer must obtain the prior written approval of ROL Holder.

### **20.2 On-Supply to be Lawful or Approved**

The Customer shall not seek the approval of ROL Holder under clause 20.1 unless such dealing:

- (a) is lawful;
- (b) may be effected without an approval under Law; or
- (c) if it may be effected after obtaining an approval under a Law, when the approval has been obtained.

### **20.3 Further Supply Contract**

The Customer shall not enter into any contract or arrangement for the purposes of clause 20.1, unless:

- (a) ROL Holder has agreed to an amendment of this Agreement on terms acceptable to ROL Holder in its absolute discretion; and
- (b) where necessary, ROL Holder has entered into a supply contract with another person on terms acceptable to ROL Holder in its absolute discretion.

## **21. Power of Sale**

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### **21.1 Charge of Allocation**

The Customer charges to ROL Holder the Customer's Allocation with the due and punctual payment of:

- (a) all moneys payable under this Agreement;
- (b) all moneys payable under the additional agreements referred to in clause 9;
- (c) all debts (including amounts which become a debt due to ROL Holder under the Act) from time to time due by the Customer to ROL Holder;
- (d) the Termination Amount payable by the Customer under clause 24.2.

**21.2 Exercise of Statutory Power**

Where the Customer is in breach of this Agreement or if ROL Holder is entitled to terminate this Agreement under clause 24.1, ROL Holder may, subject to giving notice as required by the Act, and ROL Holder giving the Customer notice of the breach or the existence of ROL Holder's rights under clause 24.1, sell the Customer's Allocation.

**21.3 Further Powers**

- (a) Where ROL Holder is entitled to sell the Customer's Allocation, ROL Holder may also, amend transfer, lease or deal with the whole or part of the Customer's Allocation.
- (b) Where ROL Holder exercises its power under this clause, then ROL Holder must use reasonable endeavours to ascertain the amount of the Customer's Allocation that is required to be dealt with to recover the moneys due to ROL Holder.

**21.4 Manner of Dealing**

Without limitation, any Dealing by Attorney may be made:

- (a) by public auction, private treaty or tender;
- (b) for cash or on credit;
- (c) in one lot or in parcels;
- (d) either with or without special conditions or stipulations as to title or time or mode of payment of purchase moneys or otherwise;
- (e) with power to allow the whole or any part of the purchase moneys to be deferred with or without any security; and
- (f) whether or not in conjunction with the sale of any property by any person.

**21.5 Application of Sale Proceeds**

Any amounts received from the Dealing by Attorney shall be applied in the way required by the Act and if there is no requirement, as follows:

- (a) firstly, in paying the costs of the Dealing by Attorney;
- (b) secondly, in discharging the liability of the Customer to ROL Holder for the amounts charged to ROL Holder under this Agreement;
- (c) thirdly, in discharging the liability, if any, of the Customer in relation to the Customer's Allocation to the chief executive under the Act;
- (d) fourthly, in discharging, in accordance with the priorities of their registered interests, any liability owing by the Customer to a person who has a registered interest recorded over the Customer's Allocation on the Water Allocations Register;
- (e) fifthly, in payment to the Customer.

**21.6 Power of Attorney**

- (a) For valuable consideration and by way of security the Customer irrevocably appoints the Chief Executive Officer of ROL Holder its attorney to:
  - (i) do anything which the Customer is obliged to do under or in relation to this Agreement but has failed to do so;
  - (ii) do anything which the Customer is entitled to do under the Act in relation to the Customer's Allocation; or
  - (iii) amend, transfer, lease, or deal with the Customer's Allocation and do and execute all acts, deeds, documents and things as shall be necessary to give effect to such amendment, change, lease or sale.
- (b) Without limitation, the Attorney may at any time:

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- (i) do anything which in the opinion of ROL Holder or Attorney is necessary or expedient to secure, preserve, perfect or give effect to the security contained in this Agreement and for this purpose without limitation may execute any application, transfer, lease, or Additional Contract and other assurance of any of the Customer's Allocation in favour of any purchaser, assignee, lessee or any nominee; and
- (ii) delegate his powers (including delegation).
- (c) No Attorney may act under this clause:
  - (i) unless notice required by clause 24.2 has been given; or
  - (ii) inconsistently with this Agreement.
- (d) To the extent permitted by Law, no Attorney will be liable:
  - (i) for any conduct or delay in the exercise or non-exercise of any power; or
  - (ii) for any loss (including consequential loss) which results, except where the liability arises from the fraud or wilful misconduct of the Attorney.
- (e) Nothing in this Agreement limits the Customer's ability to obtain advice or engage another person to act on the Customer's behalf.
- (f) No party to any sale or lease and no person asked to register a Dealing by Attorney is bound to enquire:
  - (i) whether the Customer has breached this Agreement or whether this Agreement has become enforceable;
  - (ii) whether a person who is, or purports or is purported to be, an Attorney is duly appointed;
  - (iii) as to the amount of any moneys and whether such moneys are due and payable; or
  - (iv) in any other way as to the propriety or regularity of the Dealing by Attorney.

## **22. Substantial destruction or damage to the Distribution Network or ROL Holder Diversion Works**

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This Agreement shall terminate where in ROL Holder's reasonable opinion, ROL Holder is no longer able to control the diversion of water to the Distribution Network or control water within the Distribution Network, including meeting demands for taking water, because the Distribution Network, ROL Holder Diversion Works or water infrastructure of the holder of a Resource Operations Licence are substantially destroyed or damaged. As soon as is reasonably practicable after ROL Holder has formed the opinion, ROL Holder shall notify the Customer and this Agreement shall terminate from the date stated by ROL Holder in that notice to the Customer.

## **23. Limitation of liability and release**

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### **23.1 Extent of liability for losses**

To the extent permitted by Law, ROL Holder shall not be liable to the Customer under or in connection with this Agreement for any claims, actions, proceedings, judgments, cost, expense, loss, damage or liability incurred or suffered by the Customer or by anyone claiming through the Customer for:

- (a) any breach of this Agreement by ROL Holder;
- (b) water not being available under the ROL Contract;
- (c) any error in the data, assumptions or methodology for a standard, plan or licence issued by a Regulator; or
- (d) complying with a State Direction.

**23.2 Customer has remedies under the Act**

ROL Holder and the Customer acknowledge and agree that clause 23.1 is not intended to limit or affect action which the Customer may take against ROL Holder under the Act or for the wilfully negligent acts of ROL Holder.

**23.3 Releases by Customer**

The Customer releases ROL Holder from all claims, actions, demands, proceedings and liability which it may have or claim to have or but for this release might have had against ROL Holder connected with:

- (a) death or personal injury, damage to the Customer's Offtake Works, other property, livestock, crops or assets as a consequence of any action by ROL Holder, including for example, channel overflows however caused, pipeline breaks where such action is necessary for ROL Holder to comply with the requirements of any Law binding on it;
- (b) death or personal injury, damage to the Customer's Offtake Works, other property, livestock, crops or assets as a consequence of flooding or inundation caused by overflows from the Distribution Network or the Distribution Network acting as a barrier as a consequence of a circumstance referred to in paragraphs (a), (e), (f) and (h) of the definition of "Event of Force Majeure";
- (c) death or personal injury, damage to the Customer's Offtake Works, other property, livestock, crops or assets as a consequence of actions of ROL Holder in remedying a breach of this Agreement by the Customer or a breach of an agreement for the diversion of water which ROL Holder has with another customer in the Distribution Network for example, in the removal of unauthorised connections or outlets;
- (d) alterations to the Distribution Network or conditions within the Distribution Network however caused including, for example, the movement of water weeds to clog pumps and the impact of sudden losses or fluctuations of flow or pressure surges within the Distribution Network;
- (e) the circumstances in which the Customer bears the risk as stated in clause 4(i).

**23.4 Indemnity by Customer**

The Customer must indemnify ROL Holder against each claim, action, proceeding, judgment, damage, loss, expense or liability incurred or suffered by or brought or made or recovered against ROL Holder arising out of the circumstances in which the Customer releases ROL Holder under clause 23.3 and a failure to comply with clause 6(i)(iii).

**24. Default and termination**

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**24.1 Termination**

ROL Holder may terminate this Agreement, without affecting its accrued rights, by giving notice to the Customer of its intention to terminate on any of the following grounds:

- (a) the Customer (being a natural person) has become a bankrupt;
- (b) the Customer (being a corporation) becomes Insolvent; or
- (c) the Customer breaches a provision of this Agreement and has not remedied that breach within a reasonable period, having regard to the nature of the breach, after service of notice of the breach from ROL Holder of its intention to terminate.

**24.2 Payment on termination for breach by Customer**

Where this Agreement is terminated as a consequence of a breach by the Customer, the Customer shall pay to ROL Holder the Termination Amount. However, nothing in this clause shall limit any other rights of ROL Holder under this Agreement or otherwise against the Customer in relation to any such breach.

**24.3 Termination Amount**

The Customer acknowledges and agrees that the Termination Amount is intended to represent a reasonable assessment of the loss of future profit, increased average operating costs, proportionate share of ongoing fixed costs and decommissioning costs likely to be incurred by ROL Holder for the ROL Holder Works having regard to the quantities of water supplied and the persons supplied from the ROL Holder Works. ROL Holder reserves the right to undertake a formal assessment of the Termination Amount, at the cost of the Customer.

**25. Security**

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**25.1 Request for Security**

ROL Holder may request the provision of security if:

- (a) the Customer commits a breach nominated in either of clause 14.2(a)(i), 14.2(a)(ii), 14.2(a)(iii) or 14.2(a)(v) of this Agreement, whether ROL Holder has given a direction or not; or
- (b) ROL Holder is not reasonably satisfied as to the financial capacity of the Customer to comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

**25.2 Provision of Security**

The Customer must promptly procure and maintain, after a request in writing by ROL Holder a security of an amount equal to one quarter of the Distribution Charges invoiced for the previous Water Year, until the later of:

- (a) termination of this Agreement (for whatever reason); and
- (b) payment of all moneys owing (whether or not then due or owing contingently or prospectively) by the Customer under this Agreement.

**25.3 Form of Security**

The security may take the form of an on demand guarantee on terms and from a financial institution reasonably acceptable to ROL Holder.

**25.4 No Services without Security**

ROL Holder is not obliged to provide any services under this Agreement until:

- (a) the security is provided to ROL Holder; and
- (b) thereafter, if ROL Holder uses the security to pay amounts owing by the Customer under this Agreement, until the Customer has provided further security so that the total security is for an amount not less than the amount calculated under clause 25.2.

**25.5 Release of Security**

Upon the later of termination of this Agreement and the payment of all moneys owing (whether or not then due or owing contingently or prospectively) ROL Holder shall release the security to the Customer.

**26. Dispute Resolution**

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**26.1 Activation**

If a dispute (apart from a dispute in relation to Charges set under clause 11.3 or clause 11.4) arises out of or in connection with this Agreement, either party may give written notice to the other party requiring the dispute to be resolved in accordance with the provisions of this clause 26. The notice shall designate a representative with the appropriate authority to negotiate the dispute.

**26.2 Appointment of representative**

Within five Business Days of receipt of the notice referred to in clause 26.1, the receipt shall designate a representative with similar authority.

**26.3 Discussions**

The representative shall promptly discuss the dispute, following whatever investigation each considers appropriate.

**26.4 Negotiation of procedures**

If a dispute is not resolved as a result of the discussions, then either party may request the commencement of negotiations in good faith on a dispute resolution procedure, other than litigation or arbitration.

**26.5 Methods of resolution**

A party receiving a request under clause 26.4 shall promptly discuss the following and other related subjects with the party making the request:

- (a) the mode of proceeding, whether by negotiation, mediation, conciliation, expert appraisal, expert determination or mini-trial;
- (b) the responsibility for payment of the costs of the mode agreed to under subclause (a);
- (c) the procedure and timetable for exchange of documents and other information relating to the dispute;
- (d) procedural rules and a timetable for the conduct of the selected mode of proceeding;
- (e) a procedure for selection and compensation of any neutral adviser, expert or mediator that may be employed by the parties in dispute.

**26.6 Exchange of information**

The parties acknowledge that the purpose of any exchange of information or the making of any offer of settlement under this clause 26 is to attempt to settle a dispute between the parties.

**26.7 Termination**

Any party may terminate the dispute resolution procedure provided by this clause 26 at any time and pursue other available remedies.

**27. Native Title**

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**27.1 Existence of Native Title**

If, under any Law relating to Native Title the commencement or performance of this Agreement is affected by Native Title or any requirement under such Law, then this Agreement and ROL Holder's obligations under this Agreement are subject to any such requirement.

**28. GST**

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The parties agree that:

- (a) all Payments have been calculated without regard to GST;
- (b) ROL Holder will comply with its obligations under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* when calculating the amount of any Payment and the amount of any relevant Payments will be adjusted accordingly;
- (c) if the whole or any part of any Payment is the consideration for a Taxable Supply for which the payee is liable to GST, the payer must pay to the payee an additional amount equal to the GST Amount, either concurrently with that Payment or as otherwise agreed in writing;

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- (d) any reference to a cost or expense in this Agreement excludes any amount for GST forming part of the relevant cost or expense when incurred by the relevant party for which that party can claim an Input Tax Credit; and
- (e) the payee will provide to the payer a Tax Invoice if subclause (c) applies.

### **29. Miscellaneous**

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#### **29.1 Obligations for the Benefit of Third Parties**

The Customer acknowledges and agrees that a breach by it of its obligations under this Agreement may adversely affect the interests of other customers within the Regulated Area and agrees, for the benefit of such customers, to comply with all its obligations under this Agreement.

#### **29.2 Notices**

Any notice given under this Agreement:

- (a) must be in writing addressed to the intended recipient:
  - (i) for ROL Holder, at the address of its office, nominated in the ROL Holder Rules or if not nominated, closest to the Regulated Area;
  - (ii) for the Customer,
    - (A) for an invoice under clause 9 at the Address for Invoices in the Customer's Schedule or, if there is no address listed in the Customer's Schedule, at the address last known to the ROL Holder;
    - (B) for any other notice, either;
      - (1) to the Facsimile Number in the Customer's Schedule;
      - (2) at the Address for Notices in the Customer's Schedule;
      - (3) at the address last known to ROL Holder; or
      - (4) at the address shown in the register that records the details of the Customer's Allocation.
- (b) must be signed by a person duly authorised by the sender;
- (c) for a notice given by the Customer will be taken to have been given when delivered, received or left at the above address;
- (d) in the case of a notice by ROL Holder forwarded by mail, will be taken to have been given 4 days after posting by ROL Holder;
- (e) if delivery or receipt occurs on a day when business is not generally carried on in the place to which the notice is sent, or is later than 4pm (local time), it will be taken to have been duly given at the commencement of business on the next day when business is generally carried on in that place.

#### **29.3 Entire Agreement**

This Agreement:

- (a) contains the entire agreement of the parties concerning its subject matter, namely the Services provided by ROL Holder to the Customer in relation to the Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume and supersedes all earlier written or other agreements of the parties; and
- (b) sets out the only conduct relied on by the parties and supersedes all earlier conduct by the parties concerning its subject matter.

#### **29.4 Amendment**

This Agreement may only be amended:

- (a) In writing or by deed executed by all parties; or

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- (b) as reasonably required by ROL Holder, after consultation, where there has been a Change in Law, the Resource Operations Licence, or the Strategic Asset Management Plan.

### **29.5 No Waiver**

No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising any right, power or remedy under this Agreement will operate as a waiver. Nor will any single or partial exercise of any right, power or remedy preclude any other or further exercise of that or any other right, power or remedy.

### **29.6 Stamp Duty and Costs**

Each party bears its own costs arising out of the preparation of this Agreement but the Customer will bear any stamp duty (including fines and penalties) chargeable on this Agreement, on any instruments executed under this Agreement, and for a transaction evidenced by this Agreement and shall indemnify ROL Holder for the amount of such stamp duty and associated costs.

### **29.7 Further Assurances**

Each party must take all steps, execute all documents and do everything reasonably required by the other party to give effect to any provisions of this Agreement.

### **29.8 Details from Register**

Where any details are to be included in the Customer's Schedule then, if not so included, the relevant details shall be deemed to be those appearing for the Customer in the register that records the details of the Customer's Allocation.

### **29.9 Costs of Approval**

Where information or an approval is to be provided by ROL Holder under this Agreement or by Law, the Customer shall pay to ROL Holder an administration charge for the information or dealing with the approval:

- (a) as set out in the Regulated Charge; and
- (b) if there is no such Regulated Charge, the charge published from time to time in accordance with clause 11.2, if any.

### **29.10 Allocation of Payments**

To the extent permitted by Law, ROL Holder may apply payments by the Customer towards payment of such moneys, debts and amounts referred to in clause 21.1 as ROL Holder determines in its absolute discretion.

## **30. Definitions/Interpretation**

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### **30.1 Definitions**

**Act** means the *Water Act 2000*.

**Additional Charges** means the applicable Regulated Charge and if no Regulated Charge applies the charge as made by ROL Holder when notice of the availability of additional water is given under this Agreement.

**Additional Contract** has the meaning given to it in the Customer's ROL Contract.

**Allocation** means a water allocation managed under the Resource Operations Licence.

**Billing Interval** means the interval for billing Distribution Charges as notified by ROL Holder from time to time.

**Business Day** means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday and on which banks are generally open for business in the State of Queensland.

**Change in Law** means a change in an existing law or introduction of a new law of the Commonwealth or the State affecting the obligations of the parties under this Agreement.

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**Charges** mean Distribution Charges, Additional Charges and Other Distribution Charges.

**Commencement Date** means the date on which the Allocation is recorded on the Water Allocations Register.

**Customer** means the person who is the holder of the Allocation.

**Customer's Additional Works** means works other than the Customer's Offtake Works, from which the Customer may take water.

**Customer's Allocation** has the meaning given to it in the Customer's ROL Contract.

**Customer's Development Permit** means any development permit required to be held by the Customer for the Customer's Offtake Works under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

**Customer's Maximum Distribution Volume** means the actual volume of water to which the Customer is entitled in any Water Year from the Customer's ROL Contract, if any or as varied under clause 20.

**Customer's Offtake Works** means the works used by the Customer for taking water as may be varied during the Term under clause 12.

**Customer's ROL Contract** means a supply contract – river for the Customer's Allocation entered into between the Customer and ROL Holder.

**Customer's Schedule** means the schedule described as such which is included in this Agreement.

**Dealing by Attorney** means for a Water Entitlement, any amendment, change, lease, sale or alternative Location for Taking Water.

**Distribution Charges** means the greater of:

- (a) the Minimum Charge; or
- (b) the total in a Water Year of:
  - (i) the Distribution Fixed Charges; and
  - (ii) the Distribution Consumption Charges.

**Distribution Consumption Charges** means the Charge described by reference to the volume of water taken being either:

- (a) the applicable Regulated Charge for the Customer's Allocation; or
- (b) if there is no applicable Regulated Charge, the distribution consumption charge notified by ROL Holder or described as such in the Customer's Schedule and as varied under clause 11.3 and clause 11.4.

**Distribution Network** means the network of channels, pipelines, natural formations and other works as operated from time to time by ROL Holder.

**Distribution Services** means the services described in clause 1.

**Distribution Fixed Charges** means either:

- (a) the applicable Regulated Charge for the Customer's Allocation;
- (b) if there is no applicable Regulated Charge, the fixed charge notified by ROL Holder or described as such in the Customer's Schedule and as varied under clause 11.3 and clause 11.4.

**Event of Force Majeure** means any event or circumstance, or combination of events or circumstances which is beyond the reasonable control of the party concerned, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) drought, fire, lightning, explosion, flood, earthquake, storm, cyclone, action of the elements, act of God, natural disaster, radioactive contamination, toxic or dangerous contamination or force of nature;
- (b) riots, civil commotion, malicious damage, sabotage, vandalism, act of a public enemy, war (declared or undeclared), blockades or revolution;

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- (c) strikes, lockouts, industrial and/or labour disputes and/or difficulties, work bans or picketing;
- (d) order of any court or the order, act or omission or inaction of any government or governmental authority having jurisdiction (including any act or omission required or authorised to be done under any Compulsory Access Regime) or failure to obtain any necessary governmental consent, permit, authorisation, licence, approval or acknowledgment;
- (e) breakdown or failure of any facilities, machinery or equipment (including but not limited to the failure in any equipment which forms part of any pump);
- (f) non-availability of essential equipment, goods, supplies or services (including but not limited to the failure of the supply of electricity to any pump);
- (g) existence of Native Title, or any claim for Native Title affecting any part of the land across, under or upon which either the Distribution Network or the ROL Holder Diversion Works or the Customer's Offtake Works are constructed; or
- (h) the prevention of access to repair damage to or malfunction of the Distribution Network or the ROL Holder Diversion Works, the Meter or the Customer's Offtake Works caused by any of the events set out above.

**GST** means the goods and services tax as imposed by the GST Law.

**GST Amount** means any Payment (or the relevant part of that Payment) multiplied by the appropriate rate of GST (currently 10%) together with any related interest, penalties, fines or other charge.

**GST Law** has the meaning given to that term in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*, or, if that Act does not exist for any reason, means any Act imposing or relating to the imposition or administration of a goods and services tax in Australia and any regulation made under that Act.

**Index Number** means the Consumer Price Index - All Groups for Brisbane, published from time to time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics; or where suspended or discontinued, a comparable index nominated by the President of the Queensland Law Society.

**Input Tax Credit** has the meaning given to that term by the GST Law.

**Insolvent** means with regard to bodies corporate, that one or more of the following events have occurred:

- (a) an application being presented to wind up the body corporate;
- (b) a meeting of members or creditors of the person being called to consider a resolution to wind up the body corporate;
- (c) a scheme of arrangement or a composition being entered into with its creditors, unless such application is dismissed within twenty-one (21) days of its presentation or unless such scheme of arrangement or composition is for the purposes only of a corporate reconstruction in circumstances where the body corporate remains solvent;
- (d) a receiver, receiver and manager or an administrator being appointed over some or all of the assets of the body corporate and such appointment not being revoked within twenty-one (21) days; or
- (e) the body corporate resolves to wind itself up, makes any statement that it is unable to pay its debts when due, takes any action to obtain protection or is granted protection from its creditors under any applicable legislation.

**Law** means:

- (a) the principles of law or equity established by decisions of Australian courts;
- (b) any legislation, statutes, acts, rules, orders, regulations, by-laws, local laws, policies or ordinances which are enacted, issued or promulgated by the State, a Minister, a corporation or authority constituted for a public purpose or a local authority; and
- (c) requirements made or arising under or under any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b) above.

**Location for Taking Water** means the Customer's Offtake Works Location as varied under clause 20.

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**Meter** means a meter to measure the volume of water taken at the Customer's Offtake Works Location, and which includes any valve and associated item nominated by ROL Holder.

**Minimum Charge** means either:

- (a) the applicable Regulated Charge; or
- (b) if there is no applicable Regulated Charge, the minimum charge notified by ROL Holder or described as such in the Customer's Schedule and as varied under 11.2(a).

**ML** means megalitre.

**Native Title** has the same meaning as used in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth).

**Net Present Value Rate** means rate equal to the Bank Bill Swap Rate (180 Day) and if at any time this rate ceases to be published, then such other rate per annum as may be determined after request by ROL Holder by a nominee of the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (Queensland Branch).

**Other Distribution Charges** means the charges for the Other Distribution Services applicable to the Distribution Network and if there is no Regulated Charge the charge made by ROL Holder under clause 11.2.

**Other Distribution Services** means the services identified in clause 8 and any other services, which ROL Holder indicates, in the ROL Holder Distribution Rules, that it will provide.

**Overdue Rate** means a rate of interest equal to the Suncorp-Metway variable business lending rate applicable from time to time plus two percent (2%) and if at any time this rate ceases to be published, then such other rate per annum as may be determined after request by ROL Holder by a nominee of the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (Queensland Branch).

**Payment** means any amount payable under or in connection with this Agreement including any amount payable by way of indemnity, reimbursement or otherwise and includes the provision of any non-monetary consideration.

**Regulated Area** means the area to which the Resource Operations Licence relates.

**Regulated Charge** means a charge payable to ROL Holder for any service to be provided under this Agreement as set as a rate or charge or required to be charged for the Customer by ROL Holder, under any Law.

**Regulator** has the meaning given to it under the Act.

**Related Bodies Corporate** has the meaning given to it in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

**Resource Operations Licence** means the resource operations licence granted to ROL Holder under the Act in accordance with the Resource Operations Plan.

**Resource Operations Plan** means the resource operations plan approved under the Act which applies to the Regulated Area.

**Review Date** means the date that is 1 year from the Commencement Date or the relevant date at 5 yearly intervals after that date during the Term of this Agreement.

**ROL Holder** means the holder of the Resource Operations Licence.

**ROL Holder Distribution Rules** means the rules and guidelines made and amended from time to time under clause 11.1.

**ROL Holder Diversion Works** means the works to which the water is to be diverted by ROL Holder at the ROL Holder Diversion Location.

**ROL Holder Diversion Location** means that point on a watercourse where water is delivered under a ROL Contract to enable ROL Holder to deliver water to the location of the Customer's Offtake Works.

**Services** mean Distribution Services and Other Distribution Services.

**Service Target** means a target from time to time nominated by ROL Holder for the level of services it provides. For example, a Service Target may be about:

- (a) making water available in nominated timeframes at nominated locations;
- (b) notification for and timing of interruptions to supply;
- (c) frequency and duration of interruptions to supply;
- (d) timing and duration of planned maintenance;
- (e) response times to applications made under this Agreement.

**State Direction** means the requirements of any notice published or any regulation made under the Act or any present or future requirement, instruction, direction or order made under any Law which is binding on, or which would customarily be observed by, a reasonable and prudent holder of the Resource Operations Licence and/or owner/operator of the ROL Holder Works and any modification, extension or replacement thereof from time to time in force.

**Statutory Right** means the right to take water (other than the Customer's Allocation) under the Act for example, a water permit issued by the Regulator.

**Strategic Asset Management Plan** means the Strategic Asset Management Plan approved from time to time under the Act.

**Tax Invoice** has the meaning given to that term by the GST Law.

**Taxable Supply** has the meaning given to that term by the GST Law.

**Term** has the meaning given to it in clause 1 of this Agreement.

**Termination Amount** means the amount which represents the value as at the date of termination using a discount figure equivalent to the Net Present Value Rate of the Distribution Fixed Charges and the Consumption Charges which would have been payable under this Agreement for a period of 10 years after the date of termination, on the assumption that in each Water Year the Customer took the whole of the Customer's Allocation.

**Transportation Losses** means the water lost after diversion into the Distribution Network or otherwise rendered unavailable to be taken or used by the Customer as a result of:

- (a) contamination (from whatever cause);
- (b) theft or any unlawful taking;
- (c) the taking by other customers within the Distribution Network of an amount of water greater than that to which the customer is entitled;
- (d) where a system for the ordering of water is in place under the ROL Holder Distribution Rules and a customer has:
  - taken more water than has been ordered by a customer;
  - has not taken all of the water that has been ordered by a customer;
- (e) where access conditions including, for example, a system for the rostering of water are in place under the ROL Holder Distribution Rules and a customer has:
  - taken more water than that to which that customer is entitled; or
  - taken water at a rate or at a time contrary to such access conditions.

**Water Allocations Register** has the meaning given to it in the Act.

**Water Resource Plan** means the water resources plan from time to time approved under the Act that applies to the Regulated Area.

**Water Year** means the year described as the water year in the Resource Operations Licence or Resource Operations Licence and if none is so described the year from time to time nominated by ROL Holder.

## 30.2 Interpretation

In interpreting this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

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- (b) a reference to a person includes an individual, the estate of an individual, a corporation, firm, association, authority, trust, state or government;
- (c) a reference to any gender includes a reference to each other gender;
- (d) where a word or phrase is defined in this Agreement, any other part of speech or grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;
- (e) clause headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement;
- (f) references to "dollars" and "\$" are references to Australian dollars;
- (g) references to time are references to time in the location of the Regulated Area;
- (h) a reference to any legislation or to any section or provision of any legislation includes any statutory modification or re-enactment of that legislation or any statutory provision substituted for it and includes any subordinate legislation issued under that legislation or as it may be modified, re-enacted or substituted;
- (i) a reference to a governmental authority includes any successor authority;
- (j) a reference to parties, paragraphs, subclauses, clauses and schedules is a reference to parties, paragraphs, subclauses, clauses and schedules of this Agreement, and a reference to this Agreement includes all schedules;
- (k) a reference to a document (including this Agreement) or instrument includes that document or instrument as amended, novated, supplemented, varied or replaced from time to time;
- (l) a term used in the Act has the same meaning when used in this Agreement;
- (m) a reference to conduct includes any omission and any representation, statement or undertaking, whether or not in writing;
- (n) where the Customer comprises two or more persons the liability under this Agreement shall be joint and several.

## Customer's Schedule

The following provisions constitute the Customer's Schedule when this Agreement is a supply contract approved under the Act.

Particulars of the Customer, the Regulated Area and the Resource Operations Licence shall be those which are either:

- (a) stated in the relevant Resource Operations Licence held by ROL Holder or other person;
- (b) recorded in the water allocations register for the Customer's Allocation;
- (c) the Customer's ROL Contract.

(The following parts 1 to 5 constitute the Customer's Schedule to this Agreement when it is completed by the parties)

### 1. Customer Details

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Customer	:	[	]
ABN	:	[	]
Customer number	:	[	]
Address for Invoices	:	[	]
Address for Notices	:	[	]
Telephone Number	:	[	]
Telephone Number	:	[	]

### 2. Customer Particulars

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Customer's ROL Contract	:	[	]
Location for taking Water	:	[	]

### 3. ROL Holder Diversion Works/Distribution Network

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Customer's Offtake Works	:	[	]
Meter Details	:	[	]
Existing ROL Holder Diversion Works	:	[	]
Distribution Network	:	[	]

### 4. Commencement Date

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**5. Water and Other Charges**

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These Charges are current for the period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Distribution Fixed : Regulated Charge\*/  
\$[ ] for [ ] per ML per year\*

Distribution Consumption : Regulated Charge\*/\$[ ] per ML\*

Minimum Charge : [ ]

Billing Period : Monthly\*/quarterly\*

Charges for Connection Services : [ ]

Charges for Disconnection Services : [ ]

Charges for Extra Meter Reading Services : [ ]

Charges for Meter Testing Services : [ ]