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Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee  
c/ Research Director  
Parliament House  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

### Submission on the Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015

I refer to the *Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015* (the Bill). Queensland Urban Utilities continues to support the State Government in implementing streamlined and flexible arrangements to sustain high performance in the development industry.

I refer to the amendment to the *South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009* to allow infrastructure charges notices to be issued without the offset and refund information required by section 99BRCK(1)(f). Queensland Urban Utilities seeks to ensure that the proposed arrangements provide an equitable and transparent basis for both the applicant and for the Distributor-Retailer, including that:

- the Distributor-Retailer is not precluded from including offset and refund information despite a request from the applicant in circumstances where there is no delay in issuing the original infrastructure charges notice;
- an amended infrastructure charges notice can be given, subsequent to the preparation of the offset and refund information;
- the Distributor-Retailer is able to initiate the issuing of the amended infrastructure charges notice subject to the preparation of the offset and refund information;
- the applicant's appeal rights are maintained in relation to the amended infrastructure charges notice.

I refer to the amendments to the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and the charging cut-off provisions for the failure to adopt or to be granted an extension to prepare a local government infrastructure plans by 30 June 2016. In the case that a participant council does not achieve the requirement, Queensland Urban Utilities seeks assurance that the invalidation of a participant council's charges resolution does not invalidate the Distributor-Retailer's relevant proportion as adopted in the *Queensland Urban Utilities Water Netserv Plan Charges Schedule – Part 3 Infrastructure Charges Resolution*.

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If you have any further questions, please contact Mr [REDACTED] Manager Development Services who will assist you on (07) [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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**Ben McDonnell**  
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