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António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations New York,
NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General

I am pleased to confirm that Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and have made a statement of our commitment to our stakeholders and the public.

WSAA is the peak body that supports the Australian urban water industry. Our members provide water and sewerage services to over 20 million customers in Australia and New Zealand and many of Australia's largest industrial and commercial enterprises.

In our capacity as a peak body, WSAA pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact through participation in the activities of the Global Compact Network Australia. In addition, we will encourage our members to contribute to all 17 Sustainable Development Goals as outlined in our published report [Global Goals for Local Communities: Urban water advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#). The report is available publicly and includes an invitation to all our members to make the following CEO/MD commitment:

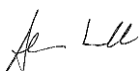
- We support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. As an industry we provide water, sanitation and stormwater services to over 20 million customers and understand that water is critical to sustaining life.
- As providers of essential services we want to see the realisation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
- We believe universal access to safe water and sanitation is key to creating a better future and we know there is more work to be done.

As an industry we will:

- support and promote the 17 Sustainable Development Goals;
- support and work with Governments and other agencies to increase the capability and capacity of our region to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6;
- commit to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 within the scope of our operations

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organisation's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Yours sincerely



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