

4 December 2017

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

Dear Mr. Secretary-General

South East Water is a Victorian Government owned corporation that operates from South-East Melbourne to South Gippsland in Australia, providing services to over 1.7 million people. We provide drinking water, sewerage, trade waste, recycled water and water-saving services to residential, commercial and industrial customers within our service area. Each year we typically deliver 120 billion litres of drinking water, collect 103 billion litres of sewage and deliver 4.3 billion litres of recycled water via the 24,000 kilometres of pipes, 354 pump stations and nine water recycling plants which we own and operate. Our total value of infrastructure assets is \$4 billion and our fulltime equivalent workforce totalled 567.1 on 4 September 2017.

I am pleased to confirm that South East Water supports the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to implement those principles. We are committed to making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company, and to engage in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals. South East Water will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our company's efforts to implement the Ten Principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within *one year* of joining the UN Global Compact, and *annually* thereafter according to the UN Global Compact COP policy. This includes:

- A statement signed by the chief executive expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. This is *separate* from our initial letter of commitment to join the UN Global Compact.

- A description of practical actions (i.e. disclosure of any relevant policies, procedures, activities) that the company has taken (or plans to undertake) to implement the UN Global Compact principles in each of the four issue areas (human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption).
- A measurement of outcomes (i.e. the degree to which targets/performance indicators were met, or other qualitative or quantitative measurements of results).

Regards

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**Terri Benson**  
**Managing Director**