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Dear Dr Hall

Proposed Drinking Water Regulations

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed Drinking Water Quality Regulations.

Goulburn-Murray Water's brief comments are attached.

Please contact me (phone 0358 335 687; e-mail pfeehan@g-mwater.com.au) if you wish to clarify any point.

Yours sincerely

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**Proposed Safe Drinking Water Regulations
Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) submission.**

- G-MW has a role as a Water Storage Manager, supplying water to Regional Urban Water Authorities across northern Victoria. Water provided by G-MW to RUWAs is supplied to over 170 towns.
- Many of the provisions of the Regulations are not relevant to G-MW, particularly Sections 4, 5 and 10 to 14.
- Section 6 (1) sets out what a Risk Management Plan must contain. It would be preferable if the first sentence could be reworded “For the ...a risk management plan must contain, *as a minimum*, the following matters-“. Without the “as a minimum” readers look at this Section of the Regulations and see that this is all that RMPs must contain.
- Section 6(2) – same comments as for Sec 6(1) above.
- Section 6(1) (b) – the first line of the current wording (“details of activities undertaken”) sounds like a requirement of an annual report. It would be better worded “details of the activities *to be* undertaken” since an RMP should detail activities that are to be done, rather than those that have been done.