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Ms Cate Faerhmann, MLC

Chair

Select Committee on PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water  
Supplies Throughout New South Wales

Dear Chair

Thank you for inviting Local Government NSW (LGNSW) to appear before the Inquiry into PFAS contamination in waterways and drinking water supplies throughout New South Wales. Please see below responses to:

- Questions on notice for Mr David Reynolds
- Supplementary Questions

#### **Questions on notice for Mr David Reynolds**

*The CHAIR: What support is being provided? I'll go to Local Government NSW for this one at this point. What support is being provided for the remediation of PFAS—the treatment, successful filtration, disposal of the chemicals? Is there any support that is being provided across the State in terms of economies of scale? If all of the water utilities, or many, are going to have to deal with this, what's happening at the statewide level in terms of supporting the remediation of PFAS contaminated water?*

#### **LGNSW response**

The primary support provided to councils from the NSW Government to date has been the initial screening and testing for PFAS in drinking water supplies. Procedures relating to the remediation of PFAS are currently being led and investigated by the NSW EPA in collaboration with NSW Health and the Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water (DCCEEW). LGNSW does not have any further information on a statewide approach to remediation. As part of our submission for the 2025-26 State Budget, LGNSW is calling on the NSW Government to commit funding for Local Water Utilities (LWUs) to address PFAS contamination.