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Peter Borrows  
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Dear Mr Borrows 

I refer to Seqwater's Chair's letter to Minister Robertson dated 4 February 2011, regarding Seqwater's consideration of the appropriate Full Supply Levels (FSL) for Wivenhoe and Somerset dams. We acknowledge having recently received a copy of this letter from you.

I write regarding the water security impacts of lowering the FSL of Wivenhoe Dam, in light of the SEQ Water Grid Manager's obligation to manage water supplied from its water entitlements in accordance with Sections 6 and 7 (Desired Levels of Service Objectives and Risk Criteria) in the *South East Queensland System Operating Plan*. We understand that this is being considered as an interim measure for the current wet season.

I confirm previous verbal advice that, from a water security perspective, the SEQ Water Grid Manager has no objection to Wivenhoe Dam being drawn down to 75 per cent of its FSL. The water security implications of a temporary draw down are unlikely to impact our ability to comply with the *South East Queensland System Operating Plan* or our Grid Contract obligations.

If a permanent reduction of Wivenhoe Dam's FSL is later considered, this may have an impact on the *South East Queensland System Operating Plan's* desired levels of service objectives and we would suggest that you also engage with the Queensland Water Commission on this matter.

I trust that this advice is sufficient. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone on [REDACTED], or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

  
Barry Dennien  
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Karen Waldman, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Water Commission.