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Via email: nswchiefscientist@chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au water.review@chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au

Dear Professor Durrant-Whyte,

Re: Northern Rivers Groundwater Review

I write in reference to the independent review into the impacts of the bottled water industry on groundwater sources in the Northern Rivers and the initial report released on 13 February 2019.

On behalf of Members of the Australasian Bottled Water Institute [ABWI], the peak certification body for bottled water standards covering both bottlers and source owners across Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, I welcome the initial report and look forward to the final report in mid-2019.

I am confident the final report will be thorough and fair in its appraisal of water extraction for the bottled and packaged water industry.

We remain available to contribute our expertise to this important review if required by your Office. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Shae Courtney, Public Affairs Manager, on or via Shae@ausbev.org for further information or to arrange a suitable time for a meeting at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Parker

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