1. Level of Service (LOS) objectives help to minimise the risk of water supply security issues for South East Queensland (SEQ) by specifying the performance of bulk water supply system that Seqwater must meet when undertaking their long term water supply planning activities.
2. The previous LOS objectives were developed at the end of the 2001-2009 drought and required the SEQ bulk water supply system to provide a regional average urban water allowance of 375 litres per person per day. This is substantially in excess of the region’s actual water use over the last few years.
3. If this allowance remains unchanged, a driver remains for costly bulk water supply infrastructure to be built long before it is actually required.
4. A review of the desired LOS objectives was undertaken to examine options that facilitate appropriate investment in the bulk water supply system by providing more flexibility to optimise existing assets and adopting a more adaptive planning approach that aligns with community expectations.
5. Public consultation ran from 23 October 2013 to 17 January 2014. Support for the proposed revised objectives was received from those that provided comment.
6. A Decision Regulatory Impact Statement is published on the “*Get involved*” website.
7. Within 12 months of the revised LOS objectives being prescribed in regulation, Seqwater must develop a water security program (WSP) to outline the operating and planning arrangements for achieving the LOS objectives.
8. The WSP will include details covering how the bulk water supply system assets will be operated individually and conjunctively; identification of future bulk water supply infrastructure requirements; and drought response options.
9. Cabinet endorsed the proposed revised Level of Service objectives.
10. Cabinet approved that the *Water Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2014* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
11. *Attachments*
* [Water Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2014](Attachments/Regulation.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Decision Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/DecisionRIS.pdf)