



## Exemption notice

# Exemption for the Shire of Murchison from section 5(1) of the *Water Services Act 2012* for the provision of a water supply service

In accordance with section 7 of the *Water Services Act 2012*, the Hon Mia Davies MLA, Minister for Water, granted an exemption from section 5(1) of the Act to the Shire of Murchison (the Shire) on 20 March 2014.

The service being granted the exemption is a water supply service provided to the Murchison Settlement (located 669 kilometres north of Perth). The settlement has a population of around 20 people. Water is sourced from two bores and supplied to the settlement for potable and non-potable use.

The exemption is granted subject to the condition that the Shire develops a Drinking Water Quality Management Plan that is acceptable to the Western Australian Department of Health, by 20 March 2015.

The exemption is valid for an indefinite period.

### Summary of reasons for the decision

The granting of this exemption is not contrary to the public interest. It is considered that:

- The regulatory burden imposed by licencing would be significant, given the remote location and small scale of the Shire's service.
- The risk of the Shire abusing its monopoly power is low.
- The public health aspects of the service are regulated under the *Health Act 1911*.

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