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H.E Antonio Guterres
Secretary General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr Secretary-General

RE: United Nations Global Compact

I am pleased to confirm that Western Water fully supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

With this letter, we confirm our intent to become a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact in support of its associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related 17 SDGs resonate strongly with Western Water. As a water, recycled water and sewerage service provider in a growing service region in Victoria, Australia, we play a critical role in the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve.

Indeed, the themes of our Strategic Plan, which is underpinned by our vision of ‘strong communities, growing together’, have several associated actions that are aligned with the sustainable development goals.

Western Water’s activities directly contribute to the following goals:

6. Clean Water and Sanitation
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

We also play a role in helping to achieve other SDGs, and commit to using our influence where possible to progress these goals as well as the principles and wider mission of the United Nations Global Impact.

We understand that a critical requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our efforts to implement the ten principles. In line with our commitment to public accountability and transparency, we commit to report on progress within one year of joining the Global Compact and annually thereafter according to the Global Compact COP policy.

Both the Board of Western Water and I are committed to contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and we look forward to engaging with our staff and stakeholders in communicating this worthy cause.

Yours sincerely,

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Managing Director