



2 July 2021

**Attention: Mr Paul Hickey**

Managing Director  
Regulators' Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development  
Ofwat  
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**Thames to Southern Transfer (T2ST)**

**Strategic regional resource option: Gate 1 submission**

Dear Paul

We have pleasure in submitting the Gate 1 report for the Thames to Southern Transfer strategic regional resource option.

Attached is a copy of our T2ST joint board assurance statement and our Gate 1 submission report.

The companies have worked diligently and efficiently together through the Gate 1 stage and we very much hope the submission demonstrates this and meets your requirements.

We look forward to receiving your comments in anticipation that the T2ST scheme will progress forward into Gate 2.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Bentley, Chief Executive Officer  
Thames Water

Ian McAulay, Chief Executive Officer  
Southern Water

## **Board Assurance Statement**

The Board is satisfied that the data and approaches used to develop the concept design and decision-making information included within the gateway one submission:

- Meets the requirements set out in Ofwat's Final Determination, and subsequent additional feedback from Ofwat;
- Has been subject to sufficient processes and internal systems of control to ensure that the information on design, costs and benefits contained in this submission is reliable;
- Has been appropriately assured to give our stakeholders, including customers, trust and confidence in this Gate 1 submission; and
- We have appropriately considered the feedback and opinion of independent external assurance partners.

The Board also confirms that we:

- Understand our role in this submission as a potential supplier (Thames Water) or receiver (Southern Water);
- Support the recommendation for solution and option progression made in this submission;
- Are satisfied that:
  - The progress on the solution, to date, is commensurate with the Final Determination timeline of being 'construction ready' in AMP8;
  - The scope, detail and quality of the preliminary activities are that which would be expected of a large infrastructure scheme of this nature at this stage; and
  - Expenditure that we have incurred in generating the Gate 1 submission is efficient and relevant to the development of the submission.

Sarah Bentley, Chief Executive Officer  
Thames Water

Ian McAulay, Chief Executive  
Southern Water