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The Water Corporation is committed to protecting and enhancing the environment.

Before construction and operation of the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant and Pump Station C can commence, a rigorous environmental approval process is followed.

In November 2009, the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant and Pump Station C project was referred to the:

- Federal Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act)*; and the
- Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under *Part IV of the Environmental*

*Protection Act 1986 (EP Act)*. In December 2009, the project was granted environmental approval by both the Federal and State environmental regulators.

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The DEWHA decided that these projects were not a "Controlled Action" and that they could be managed in a "Particular Manner".

The EPA set the level of assessment as "Not assessed – Public advice given and managed under *Part V EP ACT (Clearing)*".

These approvals indicate that the environmental regulators at both Federal (DEWHA) and State (EPA) levels are satisfied that all potential impacts on the environment can be managed as proposed by the Water Corporation.

## Public consultation

Public consultation is an important part of the environmental approval process.

During the referral period to the DEWHA and the EPA the community were provided with the opportunity to review and comment on the project and referral documentation, as required by the Federal and State approval processes. With respect to the State approval process the public were also provided with the opportunity to appeal the assessment decision.

## Environmental Impact Assessment

Although not required by the EPA, the Water Corporation has voluntarily undertaken an in-house Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The EIA identifies the potential environmental impacts of the project and outlines proposed strategies to avoid, minimise, manage and mitigate these impacts.

Factors assessed as part of the EIA include:

- Terrestrial fauna
- Flora and vegetation
- Wetlands
- Site contamination
- Asbestos
- Acid sulfate soils
- Aboriginal heritage
- European heritage
- Air quality
- Noise and vibration
- Visual amenity
- Groundwater and surface water
- Disposal of disinfection water
- Waste management
- Impacts on local recreation activities
- Dangerous goods
- Traffic
- Fire

The potential impacts of these factors are expected to be minimal and manageable.

