

## How do we know the plant will be acceptable to the community?

Due to the process that must be followed, we don't yet know the details of what the Water Treatment Plant will look like.

What we are certain of is this – it will be designed around important social and environmental criteria.

The private partner will be legally bound by all commitments made through the approvals processes including the Environmental Approvals process.

In addition, we will continue to talk with – and listen to – the community throughout the PPP selection process to ensure community views are incorporated into the design of the plant.

Our aim is to be good neighbours, and that means delivering a Water Treatment Plant that we'll be proud of and happy to live with for many years to come.



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In February 2010, the Minister for Water and the Treasurer announced that the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant and Pump Station C would be the first Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the WA water industry.

A PPP is a service which is funded by one or more private companies.

In this instance, it will involve a contract between the Water Corporation and a private party, in which the private party will provide a water treatment service to the Water Corporation.

The private partner will design, build, operate, maintain and own the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant and Pump Station C for up to 37 years.



The Water Corporation chose a PPP model for this project for several reasons:

- it allows us to access the very best skills and technology available around the world;
- a competitive tendering process enables us to ensure we obtain the very best design and engineering solutions – at a cost that represents the best value-for-money for the people of Western Australia;
- the private partner takes on the technical and financial risks of the project, minimising the chances of time or cost over-runs.

## Who makes the decisions?

Although the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant will be designed, built, operated, maintained and owned by a private party, it is important to understand that it is the Water Corporation that makes the big decisions.

As part of the contract, the Water Corporation will set key performance indicators for the standard of construction, maintenance and operation of the facility.

We will continue to be responsible for delivering water to our customers and we will set the quality of water to be produced by the Water Treatment Plant and the quantity of water required.

To ensure that requirements are met, regular reporting will be required from the private partner, together with internal and external audit reports. The Water Corporation will also undertake regular audits to ensure the key performance indicators are being met.

## How the PPP process works

There are five phases to the PPP selection process:

