

Invitation to make a submission

The Perth Seawater Desalination Plant (PSDP) produces potable water by extracting salt from seawater which is subsequently discharged as brine back into the sea.

In response to a request from the Minister for the Environment for the Water Corporation to provide advice under Section 46 (Change of Conditions) of the Environment Protection Act 1986, a report has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and is available for public comment for a period of four weeks. The EPA invites people to make comments of the submission, preferably by e-mail, to the EPA Service Unit project officer.

The Water Corporation's Section 46 submission responds to the Minister's questions pertaining to discharges of the brine into Cockburn Sound and also seeks to update a number of design characteristics identified in the Ministerial Statement (655) to more accurately reflect the project as constructed.

Comments from the public will assist the EPA to prepare an assessment report in which it will make recommendations to government.

Where to get copies of this document

Printed copies of this document may be obtained from:

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An electronic copy of the submission is available via the Water Corporation website at http://www.watercorporation.com.au/C/community_consultation.cfm

Why make comment?

Your comments are your opportunity to provide input, express your opinion or put forward suggestions. All comments received by the EPA will be acknowledged. Comments will be treated as public documents unless provided and received in confidence subject to the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act*, and may be quoted in full or in part in each report.

Joint submission

If you prefer to have your comments included in a joint submission with like-minded people please indicate all the names of the participants. If your group is larger 10 people, please indicate how many people your submission represents.

Developing a submission

You may comment on any of the information contained in the Section 46 submission. It helps if you give reasons for your comments, supported by relevant data, i.e.

- clearly state your point of view;
- indicate the source of your information or argument if this is applicable; and
- suggest recommendations, safeguards or alternatives.

Points to keep in mind

By keeping the following points in mind, you will make it easier for your comments to be analysed:

- Attempt to list points so that issues raised are clear. A summary of your comments is helpful;
- Refer each point to the appropriate section, chapter or recommendation in the Section 46 submission;
- If you discuss different sections of the Section 46 submission, keep them distinct and separate, so there is no confusion as to which section you are considering;
- Attach any factual information you may wish to provide and give details of the source; and
- Make sure your information is accurate.

Remember to include:

- your name;
- address;
- date; and
- whether you want your submission to be confidential.

The closing date for public comments is: 14 April 2008.

Comments should ideally be emailed to:

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OR addressed to:

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If you have any questions on how to submit your comments, please call the EPA assessment officer, Murray Hogarth, on 6467 5429