

A newsletter providing information on the latest developments in the planning and construction of Western Australia's second seawater desalination plant.

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Alliance update

Selecting the best team to build the desalination plant reached a significant milestone recently with two consortia short-listed to design, build, operate and maintain the plant for the next 25 years.

Two Spanish led consortia - Acciona Agua Australia Pty Ltd/United Utilities Australia Pty Ltd and Tecnicas Reunidas SA/Valoriza Agua, SL have been invited to enter the next phase of the rigorous evaluation process.

These companies are two of the world's leading desalination companies with both demonstrating their capability in building and operating desalination plants in Europe, the United States and North Africa.

The two short-listed proponents have until the end of August this year to develop competitive bids and submit them. Both companies will be required to adhere to environmental and social criteria set by us when developing their bids.

Selection of the preferred consortium will occur after necessary environmental approvals are obtained.

Environmental Scoping Document is approved by the EPA

The EPA recently approved our Environmental Scoping Document (ESD) as an acceptable basis for

the preparation of the Public Environmental Review (PER) document.

The approved ESD and an updated Response to Submissions document are available on our website. Alternatively, if you'd like a copy sent to you, please email or call us.

Environmental peer reviewers

As part of the PER process, independent peer reviewers will be evaluating the environmental documents produced by us and our consultants.

We have a range of peer reviewers, covering all environmental areas as follows:

Name	Reviewing
Mark Bailey, Oceanica Consulting Pty Ltd	The marine section of the PER
Karen Lane, ENV Australia Pty Ltd	The terrestrial section of the PER
Professor Jorg Imberger, Centre for Water Research, University of Western Australia	Marine physical processes studies
Dr Jo Ann Beckwith, Environmental Planning Pty Ltd	Social Impact Assessment
Harry Ventris, Strategen	Sustainability statement
Dr Ian Wallis, CEE Pty Ltd	The marine physical processes
Dr Des Lord	Marine impacts
Dr Michael Warne (CSIRO)	Toxicology testing

If you have a question for our peer reviewers please email us and we will pass them on. We will not edit your questions, but will collate them so the peer reviewers are not inundated with similar requests. The answer will be posted on our website and communicated in this newsletter.



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Thank you to everyone who attended our community forum on 21 February 2008.

The main focus of this session was the desalination process and the chemicals used in the process. We also discussed what is new on the project. Representatives from Western Power were also there along with one of our peer reviewers, Mark Bailey, to answer any community questions.

The community engagement activities leading up to and during the eight week PER public review period were a large part of the discussions at the meeting.

We have taken on board suggestions raised at the meeting, and will also work with the Binningup Desalination Action Group to determine the best way to engage with the community during this period.

Further details will be made available when arrangements have been made. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions please contact us.

New information boards

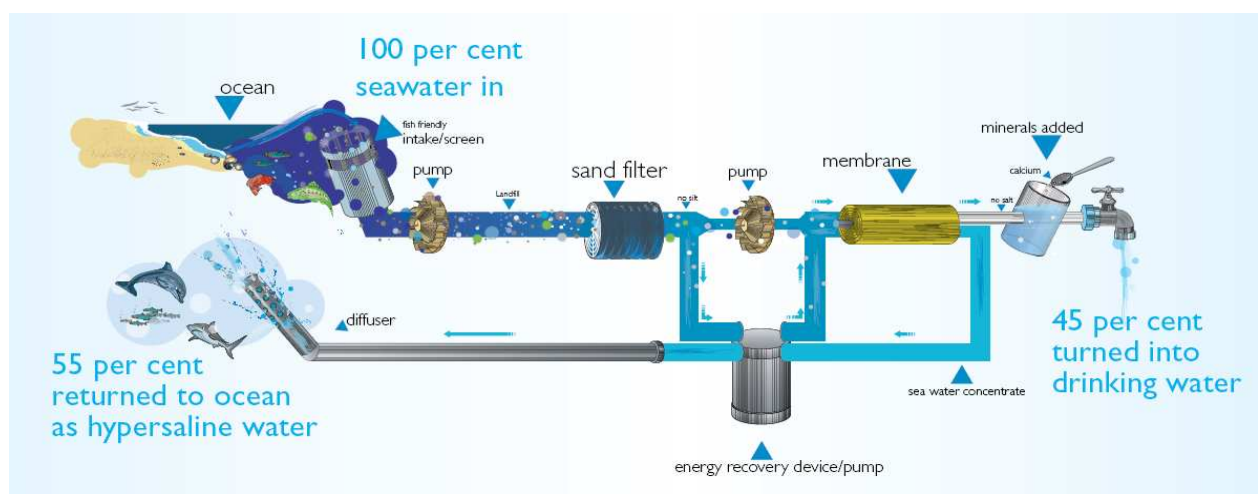
As you may have noticed, the Corporation is now using the new Binningup Water Sports Centre as a base for our community meetings. It's central location and modern facilities make it a great place to meet the community to discuss the project.

To assist in our communication efforts we now have two desalination information boards at the centre. As well as providing information on the project, copies of our factsheets are available and a comments / questions box which we will check regularly.

New documents available

The following documents have recently been added to our website:

- The approved ESD and updated Response to Submissions document
- Alliance factsheet
- Binningup Community Forum 21 February 2008 presentation.



Schematic of the Desalination Process

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