

PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW – KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

This special feature newsletter is dedicated to providing an overview of the Water Corporation's plan for consulting with the community and stakeholders over the coming months, particularly in the lead-up to and following the release of the Public Environmental Review (PER).

When the PER is released there will be an eight week period in which you are invited to make a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on the proposal.

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What is the PER?

In accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, the Water Corporation is required to prepare a PER which describes the proposal to construct and operate the Southern Seawater Desalination Project, the potential environmental issues and the ways in which they will be mitigated and managed.

Currently the PER is being finalised for consideration by the EPA. Following an EPA review of the submission, the PER will be released for the statutory eight week public review period.

During this time government agencies and the public are invited to make submissions on the proposal before the EPA makes recommendations to the Minister for the Environment on whether the project should go ahead, and if so, under what conditions. The Water Corporation will respond to all submissions.

Upcoming Community Engagement

The Water Corporation is committed to on-going consultation with the community during both the lead-up to the release of the PER and during the

eight week review period. We will continue to release environmental studies, hold stakeholder and community forums, conduct peer review sessions and assist with information during the eight week review period.

Release of Environmental Studies

The PER draws on 39 environmental studies prepared by various consultants over the past 12 months. In the lead up to the PER eight week review period, we have commenced a progressive release of these environmental studies. Currently 17 environmental studies have been released and as more become available you will be advised.

To view these studies online visit: http://www.watercorporation.com.au/D/desalination_plant2.cfm. Copies are also available for loan from the Binningup and Harvey Libraries. If you would like your own copy of any study please call 1800 810 075.

Stakeholder Forums

We continue to engage with various stakeholders including local government and environmental groups and will keep these organisations briefed over the PER period. Stakeholders will participate in forums with the Water Corporation and consultants over the coming months.

Community Forums

A number of forums will be held for interested community members, incorporating an overview from the Project Environmental Manager, presentations from consultants and Q&A sessions.

Environmental Studies Information Session

Tuesday, 15 April 2008

3.00-5.00pm or 7.30-9.30pm (repeat)
(Includes Terrestrial Consultants)

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Public Environmental Review Session
Wednesday, 30 April 2008
3.00-5.00pm or 7.30-9.30pm (repeat)
(Includes Marine Consultants)

Location: Binningup Water Sports Centre

Peer Reviewer Session/s

A selection of environmental studies have been assessed by an independent expert or 'peer reviewed'. A session/s is planned with a number of the peer reviewers to assist in answering further community questions. Dates for this session/s will be confirmed.

Eight Week Review Period

The Corporation is committed to engaging with the community in the lead-up to and during the eight week review period.

We would like to hear from you on the way in which you would like to be consulted during the eight week public review. Contact us and let us know.

Perth Seawater Desalination Plant Tour

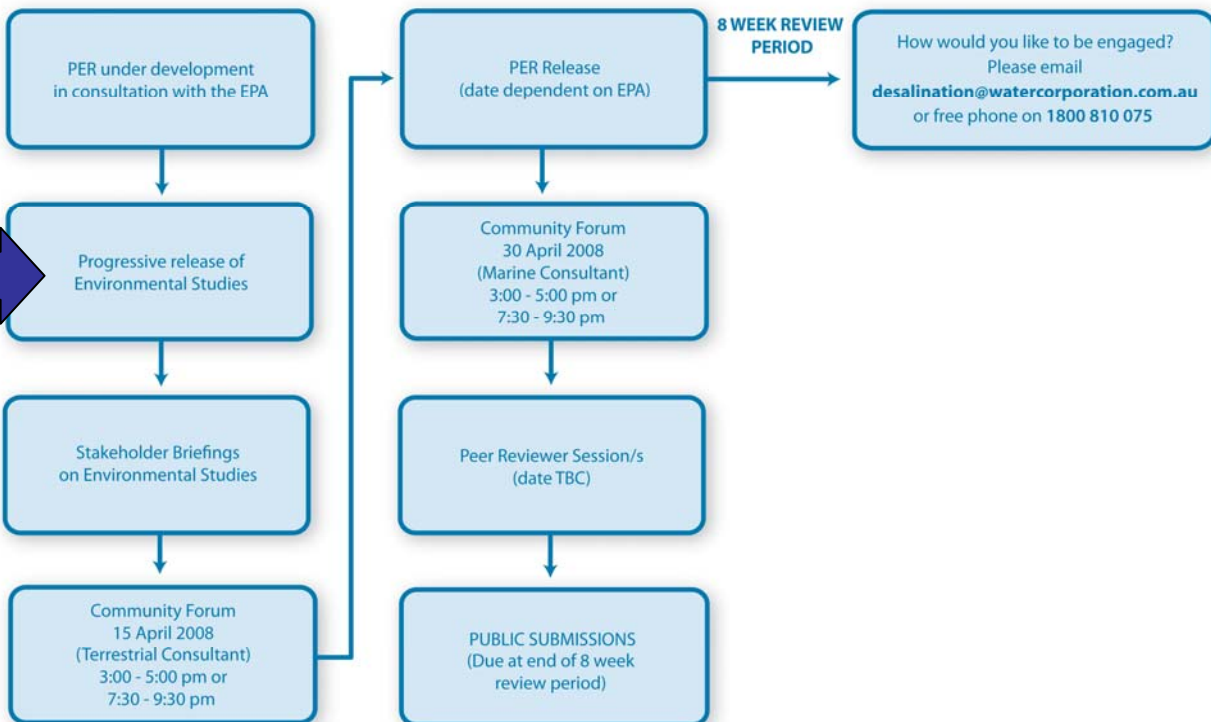
Are you interested in visiting the Perth Seawater Desalination Plant?

If so, please contact the Water Corporation before 25 April 2008 for further information.



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PROPOSED PER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



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