

Invitation to make a submission

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) invites people to make a submission on this proposal. If you are able to, electronic submissions e-mailed to the EPA Service Unit would be most welcome.

In accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, a Public Environmental Review (PER) has been prepared which describes the Water Corporation's proposal to construct and operate the Southern Seawater Desalination Project and its likely effects on the environment. The PER is available for a public review period of 8 weeks from 21st April 2008, closing on 16th June 2008.

Comments from government agencies and 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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Hard copies of the PER may be purchased at a cost of \$10, or a CD-ROM version will be provided free of charge by the Water Corporation. An electronic copy of the PER and associated consultant reports are available from the Water Corporation website at www.watercorporation.com.au

Why write a submission?

A submission is a way to provide information, express your opinion and put forward your suggested course of action - including any alternative approach. It is useful if you indicate any suggestions you have to improve the proposal. All submissions received by the EPA will be acknowledged. Submissions 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.

Why not join a group?

If you prefer not to write your own comments, it may be worthwhile joining with a group or other groups interested in making a submission on similar issues. Joint submissions may help to reduce the workload for an individual or group, as well as increase the pool of ideas and information. If you form a small group (up to 10 people) please indicate all the names of the participants. If your group is larger, please indicate how many people your submission represents.

Developing a submission

You may agree or disagree with, or comment on, the general issues discussed in the PER or the specific proposals. It helps if you give reasons for your conclusions, supported by relevant data. You may make an important contribution by suggesting ways to make the proposal environmentally more acceptable

When making comments on specific proposals in the PER:

- 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 submission to be analysed:

- Attempt to list points so that issues raised are clear. A summary of your submission is helpful;
- Refer each point to the appropriate section, chapter or recommendation in the PER;
- If you discuss different sections of the PER, 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 submissions is: 16 June 2008.

Submissions should ideally be emailed to:

submissions.eia@dec.wa.gov.au

OR addressed to:

Environmental Protection Authority Service Unit

Locked Bag 33 Cloisters Square

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Attention: Helen Dagnall

More information on how to make a submission can be obtained from the free pamphlet, "Environmental Impact Assessment – How to Make a Submission" available from the Department of Environment and Conservation Library, telephone: (08) 9222 7127.