

COMMUNITY UPDATE – SOUTHERN SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT

This is the fifth in a regular series of articles, news and other matters of interest involving the new seawater desalination plant that will be built at Taranto Road. It will complement our community newsletters and other communications.



Thanks for helping us

In recent months, independent telephone surveys have formed an integral part of our community and information program. The first survey of a representative sample of people from Binningup, Myalup and Bunbury was to establish a base from which we could advance our communication commitments. That was back in August.

The most recent survey at the start of November revisited issues such as awareness levels, support/opposition, perceived impact and, critically, what local people thought about the flow of information from us to you about aspects of the project. These surveys will continue as the project moves along to ensure we respond to community attitudes.

The full survey results are now available on our website, visit www.watercorporation.com.au or if you would like a copy sent to you, freecall us on 1800 810 075. However, the November survey results show that the most notable shifts in community views in the past three months were:

- A significant increase in the extent to which Binningup residents feel informed about and support the desalination project.
- A slight increase in the extent to which Myalup and Bunbury residents support the project.
- A significant decrease in community concern overall regarding the possible negative impacts of the project.
- A significant increase in satisfaction with communication provided and opportunities given to provide feedback on the project.



Despite these improvements the majority of residents would still like to receive more information regarding the proposed site, the environment assessment process and the social impact assessment process. We will continue to work hard to do exactly that.

For any queries, please email desalination@watercorporation.com.au, phone 1800 810 075 or write to us at PO Box 100 Leederville, WA, 6902.



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