

Southern Seawater Desalination Project | UPDATE 6

We're bringing you news and other matters of interest involving the new seawater desalination plant that will be built at Taranto Road, north of Binningup. It complements our community newsletters and other communications.

If you are a cricket or tennis fan or have watched other popular programs on commercial television over summer, you are probably familiar with our green friend below. It's the Water Corporation's latest media star, having been plucked from a south west swamp to front our campaigns, and to encourage everyone to conserve as much of our precious water as possible.

Our frog has another important task as well. That's to appear on all our explanatory material demonstrating that there is no one single solution to securing water for Western Australia's future. At the high profile end, of course, are projects such as the Southern Seawater Desalination Project (SSDP) which will produce an additional 50 billion litres of water for the Integrated Scheme within the next three years. However, of equal importance to the building of the climate-independent water plant are the programs stretching out through the years involving much increased water recycling, better managing and using our existing water resources and undertaking new water conservation initiatives.

This program is known as *Security through Diversity* and our little frog – known as the motorbike frog because of its distinctive long low growl reminiscent of a motorcycle changing gears – is playing a leading role in demonstrating that in the ongoing water challenge facing our State there is no way all of our eggs are going into one basket. There is much more information on our website on all of the initiatives under way or planned.

And, speaking of the SSDP, we are as keen as anyone to see just what the new plant outside your communities is going to look like. A major starting point to reaching that position will come in February when we will publicly announce the two companies who have been short-listed to fight it out to establish who will build the new plant. That will start an intensive six-month period at the end of which the two companies will be evaluated by the Water Corporation and one of the companies will be selected to push on to the completion in 2011.

Much more about that and many other topics at the next of our information sessions which will be held on 21 February from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Binningup Water Sports Centre.



The Water Corporation's state wide waterwise education and advertising campaigns encourage all West Australians to save water.

water for all, forever

