

## Environmental Submissions

The formal public comment period on our Public Environmental Review (PER) closed on 16 June.

We would like to thank everyone who made a submission for contributing to the environmental approval process for this important project. Your local knowledge is important in ensuring all potential issues are identified.

## What Happens Next?

The submissions have been sent to us confidentially (no names). We will respond to the issues raised, advising how we have managed or mitigated these in the PER, and how we intend to address issues that we might have overlooked.

Our responses will be sent to the Environmental Protection Authority who will incorporate it into their Bulletin, which makes a recommendation on the project and sets any necessary conditions. We expect the Bulletin to be released around September. There will be a two-week public comment period on the Bulletin, after which an Appeals Convenor will consider the document and any submissions before making a recommendation to Government. We anticipate that the Minister for the Environment will be able to make a final decision on the project towards the end of the year.

## Whale Study

The Water Corporation and Whale Expert Dr Chris Burton are working on the scope for an extensive study of marine mammals off the coast of Binningup and Myalup. While the scope is being developed, we encourage local residents to photograph and record the details of whales and other marine mammals seen in the area over the coming months. This information could prove useful to the scientists who will undertake the study.



A whale frolicking off Binningup Beach.

