

Southern Seawater Desalination Plant | UPDATE 15

The Southern Seawater Desalination Project has moved into the late stages of the State approvals process, with Minister for the Environment, Donna Faragher, recently announcing she had resolved the appeals process. The Minister has set some further conditions on the project to ensure that environmental impacts are minimised, and these are now being reviewed by other Government agencies prior to the finalisation of the process.

The Minister also dismissed appeals on the level of assessment for the assembly of a pilot plant that will be used to determine pre-treatment requirements for the desalination plant. You may notice some work near our wastewater treatment ponds over the coming months to prepare for the installation of the pilot plant.



The overall Project is now being reviewed by the Federal Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. As part of this process the Corporation released its Commonwealth Public Environmental Report (cPER) on 3 February 2009. The report addresses matters of national significance including Humpback Whales, Southern Right Whales, Blue Whales, Black Cockatoos, Western Ringtail Possums and more, and is available for public review until 17 March 2009.

This submission period provides another opportunity for you to make comments on the proposal's impacts. During the submission period, an open day will be held at the Binningup Water Sports Centre on Wednesday, 25 February 2009 between 3pm and 7pm. If you have any questions on the cPER, pop in and chat to a project team member. For a copy of the cPER visit the Environmental Protection Authority library, Battye Bibliography Services or the Binningup, Harvey, Australind or Yarloop libraries; download a copy from www.watercorporation.com.au; call 1800 810 075 or email desalination@watercorporation.com.au.

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