

Southern Seawater Desalination Project

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In late April we reached a major milestone on our journey to build a second desalination plant when we received State Government environmental approval to build and operate the proposed Southern Seawater Desalination Project (SSDP).



As part of the approval, stringent Ministerial conditions were established for the project to ensure all environmental objectives set out by the Environmental Protection Authority are achieved. The Water Corporation welcomes the conditions which are in line with our strong commitment to protecting the environment.

Whilst onsite work cannot start until we receive Commonwealth environmental approval, the State environmental approval allows us to move forward in obtaining further local government and regulatory approvals.

A project of this scale and nature involves a lot of stakeholders and we thank those involved throughout the approvals process. The input from stakeholders and community members alike has allowed us to address concerns in the plant design and environmental management plans.

As we continue to work through the final approvals we will keep you updated. At this stage, we anticipate all project approvals will be obtained by mid 2009.

In our last Water Talk we told you the survey results from the recent door-to-door survey would be available soon. For those of you interested in viewing the results, you can now access them online at

http://www.watercorporation.com.au/D/desal2_community.cfm,

view them at the Binningup, Harvey or Australind libraries, email

**desalination@watercorporation.com.au or
call 1800 810 075 for a copy.**

