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The Southern Seawater Desalination Project moved another step closer recently when the Commonwealth Government's Department of Environment Water Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) authorised the Water Corporation to publish the project's final environmental impact assessment documentation.



This documentation includes the Commonwealth Public Environment Report which addresses issues of national significance, including whales, western ringtail possums and cockatoos and the Response to Public Submissions document. It is confirmed that the documentation is now in its final form and will be assessed by the Federal environmental regulator before a decision is brought down by the Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

The documentation is available for 30 working days from 20 May 2009, during which time DEWHA will continue its assessment of the information provided by the Water Corporation on how we will manage environmental issues of national significance.

This is the second of the environmental approvals required for the project, the other being the State approval which was received from the Western Australian Minister for Environment a few weeks ago in April 2009.

The release of this documentation allows the public to view the information to be assessed by the Federal Department, but is not an opportunity for further comment.

If you are interested in viewing a copy please contact the Water Corporation on 1800 810 075 or desalination@watercorporation.com.au or view online at http://www.watercorporation.com.au/D/desal_cper.cfm

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