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Dear Sir/Madam

Desalination - seeking your input

As you would be aware, Premier Alan Carpenter announced last week that a new desalination plant will be the state's next major water source. The plant will initially produce 45 gigalitres of water each year and will be powered by renewable energy. The plant is planned to be in operation by 2011.

The proposed site for the plant was identified by the Water Corporation following investigative work undertaken at the same time as the detailed planning for abstraction from the South West Yarragadee aquifer.

Investigations extended from Jurien Bay to Bunbury to identify potential desalination sites, with key consideration given to minimising potential environmental, social and economic impacts. The Binningup site at Taranto Road, which currently includes a small wastewater treatment plant, was identified as the most sustainable location.

Following the Premier's announcement, detailed planning commenced to progress the project. A number of issues will be carefully considered as part of this process. The Corporation would like to seek your input to the planning work, and provide an opportunity for you to help us identify any potential issues.

To facilitate this, the Corporation in conjunction with the Binningup Community Association and Myalup Community Association will hold community meetings at **7.30pm Tuesday 29 May 2007 at the Binningup Country Club and 7.00pm Wednesday 30 May 2007 at the Myalup Community Hall.**

I encourage you to attend one of these meetings, however if you are unable to attend please do not hesitate to contact Project Communications Officer Trisha Lee 9420 2231 or Regional Communications Officer Mick Irving 97910409 to provide input. Alternatively you can email comments or enquiries to desalination@watercorporation.com.au

Further consultation will take place as planning progresses and I look forward to working closely with community members, local government and other key stakeholders as this exciting project moves forward.

I have enclosed some background information about the Perth Seawater Desalination Plant in Kwinana for your information. Further information is also available on our website www.watercorporation.com.au

Regards



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