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Dear Mr Cadee

**Mundaring Drinking Water Treatment Plant**

The Water Corporation and Department of Health have been working for many years to deliver safe drinking water to the community of Western Australia.

The development of the Mundaring Drinking Water Treatment Plant will provide an additional barrier to drinking water contamination and is strongly supported by the Department of Health as it will greatly improve the quality of water entering into the Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply (GAWS) system.

The proposed drinking water treatment plant will include processes designed to remove natural organic matter which accelerates the rate of chlorine decay while the water is distributed throughout the GAWS system.

The improved water quality produced by the proposed Mundaring Drinking Water Treatment Plant will directly:

- reduce the opportunity for pathogens such as *Naegleria fowleri* to colonise the pipe network,
- reduce the current reliance upon alternate chemical treatment methods within the GAWS system; and
- improve the water quality to a large number of towns and citizens supplied from Mundaring.

The DoH supports and encourages the Water Corporation to construct the proposed Mundaring Drinking Water Treatment Plant as soon as possible as it will increase the level of protection given to public health for every consumer connected to the GAWS system.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Mr Richard Theobald on 9388 4967.

Yours sincerely

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