

Exmouth water source planning

Project update - July 2025

What is happening?

Water Corporation have been working to identify a new drinking water source for Exmouth, to meet projected future demand.

Exmouth is expected to require an additional **1.5 billion litres** of drinking water to secure the water supply to 2060.

Following extensive investigations, **seawater desalination** has now been selected as the preferred new water source.

A new seawater desalination plant will cater for the impacts of climate change and population growth. It will secure Exmouth's water supply for the future.

You can read more about what seawater desalination is and how it works on our website. Search "Exmouth water source planning".

Why seawater desalination?

Climate modelling forecasts hotter temperatures, more extreme weather events, and less reliable rainfall for the region. Seawater desalination is a rainfall-independent source able to supply the amounts of water required for a growing town.

Seawater desalination allows us to reduce our reliance on groundwater sources in the long term and protect the unique environmental values of the area.

What are the next steps?

Planning is still in the investigations stage, and we're committed to getting this right. Next, we'll further progress investigations to confirm a location for a new seawater desalination plant. The sites being considered in planning are shown over the page.

We will continue marine investigations including surveys of seabed habitats, and freshwater seeps (areas where underground freshwater from the land emerges from the seabed). These will continue for at least a further 18 months. We will also continue land-based investigations, such as geophysical testing to understand ground conditions.

We'll continue to work with stakeholders and the community as we progress towards a decision on the most appropriate location for future infrastructure.

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How can I be involved?

We are committed to keeping the local community updated and providing opportunities for feedback.

You can drop by to see the project team at Ross Street Mall, near Exmouth IGA:

- Friday 8 August, 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- Saturday 9 August, 9:30am - 11:30am

You can also sign up for project updates by searching “Exmouth water source planning” in your preferred browser or scan the QR code.



If you have questions or comments, please contact our team at Community.Engagement@watercorporation.com.au



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Seawater desalination investigation areas

