Meeting record

Lower Kalgan Community Association and Water Corporation – Albany new water source

Date: 6 November 2025 5-7.30pm, Lower Kalgan Hall

Attendees:

- Adrian Stewart (Water Corporation)
- Julia Phillips (Water Corporation)
- Matt Bowman (Water Corporation)
- Lotte Rivers (Water Corporation)
- Joel Mclure (Water Corporation)
- Carina Harris (Water Corporation)
- 34 community members from Lower Kalgan/Nanarup area including two City of Albany reps (Deputy Mayor Paul Terry and Councillor Lynn Maclaren)

Questions/Comments from the community:

1. Why are Torbay and Perkins not being looked at again after relooking at the initial Multi-Criteria Assessment?
2. Are you only looking at places with existing infrastructure?
    a. Comment x 2: Looks like an old pipeline, how can it be used in future?
3. What are the impacts of brine compared to brine recycling options.
4. Flora and fauna surveys – will you find species that aren't flowering in spring?
    a. Comment: Not everything is flowering or active now.
5. Will the decision on location be made before you do the flora and fauna survey?
6. You're doing marine and environmental surveys – are you also doing terrestrial?
7. What is biocide, what does it consist of?
8. Where does brine from Perth Seawater Desalination Plant and Southern Seawater Desalination Plant go?
9. Will there be monitoring after construction?
10. What environmental assessments will need to be undertaken at the selected site? Do they happen after construction?
11. Is Sandpatch still being considered as an option?
12. Is there risk of algal blooms like in South Australia?
13. Flora and fauna surveys – when are we doing them and what size area will be surveyed?
14. What is the current groundwater allocation/licence?

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15. Will Nanarup residents get access to the water if the plant is built at Nanarup?
16. Will there be light pollution and noise pollution?
17. What are the power requirements? Will the plant be connected to the grid?
18. What will the environmental impacts be to Nanarup lagoon and Taylor inlet?
19. Intra-annual variability of waves and currents – do we have this information for Sandpatch and Nanarup at this time?
20. How far from the beach would the plant be from the coast?
21. What are the requirements around vehicle and truck access to the SDP site?
22. Have there been any community meetings for Sandpatch?
23. Was Perkins beach considered for the location of a desal plant?
24. Is there a seasonal / annual production trend (tourist season)?
25. After selection of 'location' when will the exact site be selected?

Please note that questions raised during the meeting have been recorded as accurately as possible on the night. Answers given during the meetings have not been reproduced here, as they are typically lengthy and complex, and they are not recorded. However, most answers can be found on the project webpage under ***Frequently Asked Questions tab****. If you would like written responses to any of the questions, please contact us at community.engagement@watercorporation.com.au.*