Meeting record

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

Date: 14 October 5-7pm, Lower Kalgan Hall

Attendees:

- Kym Walker (Water Corporation)
- Adrian Stewart (Water Corporation)
- Julia Phillips (Water Corporation)
- Matt Bowman (Water Corporation)
- Lotte Rivers (Water Corporation)
- Joel Mclure (Water Corporation)
- 32 members of the Lower Kalgan/Nanarup community including two City of Albany Councillors (Thomas Brough and Lynn Maclaren).

Questions/Comments from the community:

1. Will the findings from the marine shore crossings and other work be made public?
2. Will the hydrodynamic modelling be done by an independent expert, and will this be made public?
3. What level of community feedback will influence site selection? The community at Muttonbird Beach objected anything in their area and Water Corporation decided not to pursue the location. What will happen if the community object Nanarup as a site?
4. Water collection location and distribution. East vs West. Why aren't we looking at Muttonbird area and focusing on Nanarup?
5. How will the brine at Nanarup impact King George Sound?
6. Acknowledgement that we have done the right thing in setting up a community consultation group and choosing people that don't necessarily agree with Water Corporation. How is information being used from the consultation group to influence our planning? What are our plans for further community engagement and sharing this information?
7. What infrastructure is required? And what is the power supply? The power supply is unreliable already.
8. We mentioned the EPA assessment. When will the community have their chance to have their say and when will the information be made public?
9. How far out to sea and what is the depth of the pipelines?

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10. I am confused about the salinity information. If we believe the dilution is not an issue why was it an issue at King George Sound?
11. Why was Muttonbird Beach/Cosy Corner option not considered?
12. Will the drilling impact the whales? Are there any other plants that have whales migrating so close?
13. Are the existing Two People Bay pipelines in Nanarup the right size?
14. Comment that Sandpatch seems to be an expensive option to set up. Is cost a deciding factor?
15. How does stormwater compare to the quantity of water required and desalination?
16. Water Corporation is drip feeding information. When do we hear what is discussed at the CCG and their suggestions?
17. Comment that it appears Nanarup is the preferred site. How far back from the beach will the plant be?
18. Are there any site-specific landowner discussions happening?
19. Kate from UWA has only been working in Albany for 5 years. Are we engaging long term residents and knowledge holders regarding whale calves?
20. What about noise from the plant on land?
21. Once operational how do we measure salinity? Will we consider having a sensor or equipment that provides continuous monitoring rather than relying on modelling?
22. Can we use the salt to harvest instead of returning to ocean as brine?
23. Comment that there could be a desalination plant in Nanarup but the community doesn't receive the water.

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.*