

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SURVEY OF PROPOSED LOWER HELENA BYPASS MAIN UPGRADE
HELENA VALLEY AREA

- 6.2.30 Mr Kevin Guppy attended the meeting and gave an outline of the project and the need to install the new pipeline sections required to enhance water flow and volume to Mundaring to cater for the increased demand from the Goldfields.
- 6.2.31 The meeting was arranged to give the IAEG representatives the opportunity to ascertain what impact the development may have regarding Aboriginal heritage values and to clarify appropriate responses to any issues identified and to have an input into heritage protection prior to the submission of a section 18 for permission to construct the pipeline along the northern bank of the Helena River.
- 6.2.32 It was explained that two of the sections of pipeline will be installed within existing road areas and will involve no clearing or removal of trees or large rocks as the construction can be flexible enough to avoid them whereas one section needs to be constructed on the northern bank of the Helena River which is a registered site of Mythological significance and will require a section 18 application.
- 6.2.33 Mr Guppy said that Water Corporation recognised that the steep outcrop of rock on the northern bank, where the pipeline installation is proposed, was likely to be sensitive and was the main area of their concern. He said that Water Corporation plan to construct the pipeline above the ground and use cradles and pedestals to support it over the sensitive areas so there is no damage to the rocks. Sand is to be brought in to protect the rock outcrops from damage by machinery and the track-making material will be removed on completion. The pipeline sections made redundant by the new installations are to be left where they are, as removal would cause unnecessary disturbance.
- 6.2.34 Ms Parker explained that Water Corporation had agreed to a number of requests related to the sensitive area and arrangements were being made for a video recording and digital photographs to be taken along the proposed route along the northern bank. This would provide an opportunity for those Elders unable to physically inspect the route to see what is involved and have input into direction and management. It will also provide a documentary record of the land to guide effective rehabilitation and restoration after the construction is completed. There are plans also for issues and queries raised during the initial consultations to be addressed and answered with Heritage Management protocols drawn up for consideration at a future meeting to ensure all aspects of heritage protection can be agreed upon

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HELENA VALLEY
ROAD