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Dear Jaye

I have today written to both the Minister for Water Resources, Mr J Kobelke, and to the Chief Executive Officer of the Water Corporation, Dr J Gill, on the dissatisfaction of Association members and other community organisations about the consultation process for the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant following the first forum.

It is clear that the corporation is not meeting its promise of "full community consultation on all potential sites", and its handouts show that an attempt is being made to water down that commitment by phrases such as "consult more widely". Incidentally, the promise was made to government as well as to the community.

We take the process of "full consultation" to mean the seeking and sharing of information and advice in their totality. How can the corporation justify less than that?

I have today viewed the corporation's website for a list of questions asked from the floor taken from the verbatim record of the last forum. I was shocked to see that the corporation has put its own spin on both the question and the answer. At best this could be regarded as a "Dorothy Dix" technique. At worst it is dishonest. Those who attended the forum, including corporation representatives, know the truth but the wider community which is relying on the integrity of the website report is being deliberately deceived.

I would welcome your comments.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Bentley