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MUNDARING WA 6073

Dear

Thank you for your letter, addressed to my predecessor, regarding the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant.

The draft document you refer to is part of the information package being prepared for a public meeting to be held shortly.

As requested by the Government and the local community, the Water Corporation is reviewing all options regarding the site selection for the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant. It will present background information on the water treatment plant proposal and provide the opportunity for community involvement in the selection of the site. The criteria will include technical, economical, environmental and social issues.

The information package acknowledges that your land was previously evaluated for its suitability for a site, but was not selected for a variety of reasons. However, this land now needs to be identified as a potential site in this new and wider ranging community consultation process. The consultation process will then determine whether this privately owned land is to be considered further.

The Water Corporation does have the power to compulsorily acquire land for the provision of essential community services, but there was never any intention of exercising this right in relation to the proposed Mundaring Water Treatment Plant. Should the community consultation process recommend privately owned land as a possible site for the water treatment plant, the Corporation would contact the affected landowners to discuss their interest in selling.

The Mundaring catchment is one of the few catchments that has development within its boundaries. When the opportunity arises, and if the cost is reasonable, the Water Corporation will consider buying properties within the Mundaring catchment, with the aim of protecting water quality.

Thank you for your interest in this important project. Your involvement in the community communication and consultation process would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Sgd. Premier
20 FEB 2006

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PREMIER

MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (Your Ref: 605634)

For your information.