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Cc. Jim Gill, CEO, Water Corporation  
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Dear Ken,

## **Proposed Esperance Desalination Plant**

It was reported in the 'West Australian' on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October that the government has announced that negotiations are under way to enable the construction of a desalination plant in 2009 at Esperance to serve the Goldfields and Kalgoorlie. This plant will supply twice the amount of water currently supplied from Mundaring and be in service 2 years ahead of the proposed Mundaring plant.

We have been told that the new Mundaring plant is intended to supply the future needs of the Goldfields and Kalgoorlie. Given the fact that it will double the present plant's capacity, where will you find the extra 100,000 customers once the Esperance plant is built?

Is the Mundaring plant intended to service the 80–100,000 new residents envisaged under the North Eastern Hills Settlement Pattern Plan? If not, why do we need such a large plant? I can't imagine that it would be for the people of Perth. Water is currently pumped up the hill to Mundaring Weir - there doesn't seem a great deal of logic in purifying it locally and then pumping it back down again.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Davies

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