

# WATER FORUM

## Collie

### SUMMARY OF PLENARY SESSIONS

3 September 2002



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## Context

The Collie Water Forum was held on 3 September 2002.

The purpose of the water forums that have been arranged across the State is to:

- Provide the community with information relevant to the area or region on issues such as; climate change and its impacts, water supply and wastewater management, future demand, and water conservation, re-use and supply options.
- Develop greater community awareness of the current research and other work being undertaken on sustainable use and management of water resources.
- Provide an opportunity for people to identify issues, give feedback and contribute ideas to the Water Symposium to be held at Parliament House in October 2002.

## Key Issues Raised by the Community

Throughout the day a number of plenary sessions were held to provide community members with the opportunity to raise issues and ask questions from the various presentations. The issues and questions raised by the community in each session are summarised in the following tables.

Following the plenary sessions, participants were asked to identify the issue of greatest importance to them by placing a dot (vote) on the recorded flipcharts.

This document summarises the issues and questions raised and the voting priority of the people present at the forum.



**First Plenary Session**

<i>Issue / Questions raised</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1. Desalination of water	
1 Water Corporation 20GI Wellington Dam 68GI Irrigation 20GI Industry and other Scour	
2. Water Trading – From and Agriculture and Horticulture perspective how does it work and how does it work across zones.	
3. Timetable for salinity mitigation	
4. Optimum densities for forest planting Allocation licensing of plantations Forest management	
5. Water harvesting (SW Licensing)	
6. Allocation security – Harvey Water needed for investment	
7. Desalination of groundwater in Wheatbelt	
8. Recreational use	
9. Illegal use of water pollution.	
10. Water quality	
11. Land use Wellington NP	
12. Officer basin	
13. Weed control	
14. Charging for water – user pays	
15. Rainwater and greywater use	

**Second Plenary Session**

	<i>Issue / Questions raised</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1.	Harvey and other area – problems with dams upstream issues with bypassing summer flows from riparian dams and losses from these.	4
2.	Where does re-use fit into demands can we increase re-use and make a difference?	11
3.	What effect does tree canopy height and density have on climate change?	5
4.	Does population decentralisation make a difference in resource and cost management? especially as Perth's population keeps increasing.	10
5.	How proven are groundwater resources? monitoring understanding	10
6.	How will reductions in allocations be made as a result of climate change? suggest equitably	6
7.	Recognising community participation at local level and how to use community processes in policy and decision making.	15
8.	How to integrate on broader issues.	2
9.	Do we have enough climate information and history in WA?	

**Third Plenary Session**

	<i>Issue / Questions raised</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1.	Griffin proposal is an integrated sustainable option carbon credit salinity reduction renewable fuels	3
2.	Research on void water quality needed to understand in-situ and flow-on impacts – affects of salinity recharge into aquifers.	5
3.	Support for Collie Mine void centre of excellence.	6
4.	Government support needed for western 5b lake advice	

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5.	Can steam lost from the power stations be captured for reuse	
6.	To what extent can Griffin proposal lower salinity and what is timetable?	3
7.	Future of Collie is linked to electricity generation and balance is needed in considering overall benefits to WA water is critical.	1

