

WATER FORUM

Kalgoorlie

SUMMARY OF PLENARY SESSIONS

2002



Office of
Water Regulation



Water and Rivers
Commission



Context

The Kalgoorlie Water Forum was held in 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>	Votes
1. Future use of channels (life expectancy)	2
2. Security of water supply	5
3. Improved water supply catchment efficiency	4
4. Evaporation from water supplies	1
5. Investigation of available resources for mining industry	4
6. Head work charges	3
7. Mining impacts on pastoral water supplies	
8. Balancing Economic/Environmental/sociallogic	6



Second Plenary Session

<i>Issue / Questions raised</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1. Report conclusion that best there is no shortage of current water.	1
2. Politician lack of will power in relation to Kimberley option.	
3. How to move forward with the GEWS report	4
4. Replacement option best therefore less Water Corporation investment	1
5. Where will mining water come from in 2020	1
6. Implications of Kalgoorlie's future beyond mining	2
7. Report not positive enough about opportunity	4
8. Need to better sense community expectations of service	3
9. Government policy on private infrastructure	1

Third Plenary Session

<i>Issue / Questions raised</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1. Mining company participation	
2. Foundation customer	2
3. Role of the Office of Water Regulation VS the Water Corporation	
4. Who should do regional planning	
5. Does Government have the information to make a step forward	4
6. Should mining companies be forced/pushed to stop using Hyper Saline water	
7. Transferable water rights	
8. Implications of water harvesting	

Overall

Votes

Issue

Government resolve policy issues

Seek formal expressions of interest/feasibility study

Select best proposal

Work with agencies to develop proposal to Government (exclusive)

