

WATER FORUM

Karratha

SUMMARY OF PLENARY SESSIONS

11 September 2002



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Context

The Karratha Water Forum was held on the 11 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. <u>Filtration Plant</u> Dates change When is the opening	
2. Has plant tender been awarded?	
3. Have construction tenders been called	
4. Consumption – has the Water Corporation looked at using Harding Dam water for industry?	
5. Why not have separate pipes from Harding Dam for industry and domestic use?	8
6. What would it cost to put separate (duplicated) pipes from Harding Dam?	
7. Has the Water Corporation got any indication of demand for 2004?	
8. What considerations have been given to demand management and the regulators allowance?	5
9. Is there any consideration to increase spillway?	



Second Plenary Session

	<i>Issue / Questions raised</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1.	Is it feasible to have statewide water restrictions including Karratha.	
2.	We are currently exceeding current rate level. How useful is demand management?	3
3.	What percentage is used for domestic use: Our demand up 10% Restriction cut consumption by 7 or 8%. Therefore restrictions wont make the necessary difference in Karratha – need to improve supply= restrictions now!	6
4.	What does it mean to have a regulator and what can that regulator do? Especially if industry in the Northwest is to grow.	1
5.	Are there penalties for license indiscretion	
6.	Is there any structural impediment particularly industries on water use.	
7.	Karratha may need a different set of regulations for demand management.	1
8.	What is the time frame for the desalination plant and can Harding Dam water be diluted?	