

Logue Brook Dam

Since Government's 5 November 2007, decision to develop Logue Brook dam for its drinking water value a number of actions have been taken by the Department of Water (DoW).

- Documents prepared with your help on the many issues raised during the Logue Brook dam project assessment have now been placed on the DoW website along with other useful information; and
- The DoW has met with the Department of Sport and Recreation to ensure recreation related information gathered over the last 18 months is available for use in the development of the proposed South West Recreation Master Plan, and planned expenditure of the funding package (totalling more than 16 million dollars) announced with Government's decision.

The next action to be undertaken by the DoW will be development of a protection plan for Logue Brook dam. This plan will report on the Logue Brook project process and findings. It will reflect stakeholders views and Government's decision. It will also describe the next steps for implementation of this dam as a public drinking water supply including proclamation of the dams catchment by 1 May 2008, and establishment of a Reservoir Protection Zone around the dam to protect water quality and public health. This plan will be posted on the DoW website once it is completed.

This decision has been a difficult one for Government. However, the need to relocate recreation from Logue Brook dam is based on current water resource management needs in a drying climate, and sound public health policy that is supported both nationally and internationally.

Government has acknowledged the loss of Logue Brook dam for recreation by allocating more than 10 million dollars to a 'recreation offsets trust'. The trust will be used to provide alternative recreation amenity in and around water bodies in the South West. Funds are also available for development of Lake Kepwari near Collie (3.29 million dollars), and to allow for new or improved day use sites at Waroona, Drakesbrook and Harvey dams. I encourage you to be involved with development of the Recreation Master Plan and projects that can be considered for expenditure of the available funds.

You can contact the Department of Sport and Recreation, Graham Brimage on 9492 9829 about the Recreation Master Plan and offsets trust. For information on Lake Kepwari please call the South West Development Commission, Alan Cross on 9792 2000. For advice on the decommissioning of facilities at Logue Brook dam after 1 May 2008 (and development of new or improved day use facilities at other nearby dams in 2008) please contact Water Corporation, Chris Botica on 9420 2261.

If you have any other questions please email the DoW at drinkingwater@water.wa.gov.au or contact Nigel Mantle on 6364 6883. Remember, you can also find ongoing information about this project on the Department's website www.water.wa.gov.au under 'Water Management', 'Projects' then 'Logue Brook Dam'.

Yours sincerely



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