



Media Statement

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Swan growth area gets urban water plan

Advice to minimise the impact of urban development on ground and surface water in the Swan urban growth corridor has been developed in a draft plan by the Department of Water.

The corridor includes the fast growing residential areas of Caversham, West Swan, Albion and Whiteman Park South.

The draft *Swan urban growth corridor drainage and water management plan* covers stormwater management, strategies for flood plain management, protection of environmental assets, principles for conservation and best management practices for implementation of the plan.

"The plan incorporates the outcomes of comprehensive groundwater and surface studies," Director of water resource management John Ruprecht said.

"It also supports the Department for Planning and Infrastructure's *Sub-regional structure plan for the Swan urban growth corridor*, which provides a guide to subdivision and development of the corridor," he said.

Mr Ruprecht said the scope of the plan covers as many aspects of total water cycle management as practicable.

"This includes water demands, supply options, opportunities for conservation, management of potential impacts, flood and pollutant management," he said.

"Public feedback on the draft plan is keenly sought.

"We have put the plan out for comment until 23 July and would like developers, industry, council and other interested parties to look at its contents and provide us with some feedback."

http://portal.water.wa.gov.au/portal/page/portal/WaterManagement/Stormwater/StrategiesMgtPlans/Content/Draft_SUGC_DWMP.pdf

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