

# *Media Statement*

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## *Jandakot gets new urban water plan*

Protecting important waterways and wetlands, and helping make urban development more water smart has just got easier with the new urban water plan for Jandakot.

The department's director of resource management, Mr John Ruprecht, said the draft *Jandakot drainage and water management plan* was aimed at assisting developers and local government to better manage groundwater quantity and quality. It would help them address flooding issues, stormwater and groundwater interaction with wetlands, drainage water quality targets, and water efficiency targets for new developments.

Mr Ruprecht said that the plan included the fast growing residential areas of Mandogalup, Wandi, The Spectacles, Anketell, Bertram, Casuarina and Wellard.

"It incorporates the outcomes of comprehensive groundwater and surface studies, and outlines a checklist to help developers prepare local water management strategies to implement water sensitive urban design," he said.

"It also supports the Department for Planning and Infrastructure's Jandakot structure plan (August 2007) which provides a guide to subdivision and development of the area.

"The scope of the draft 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.

"There are a number of significant wetlands within the Jandakot area and information is provided that will enable developers and stakeholders to ensure that changes to the existing hydrological regime of these wetlands are minimised."

Mr Ruprecht said groundwater contamination was also a potentially significant issue for the study area given the number of potential historical and current sources (e.g. market gardens, piggeries, chicken farms, pesticide storage areas and dairies).

"We urge public feedback on this draft plan which is out for comment until 10 September. Developers, industry, council, landowners and other interested parties are encouraged to look at its contents and provide us with their thoughts."

A briefing session to present the technical content of the draft plan will be held at 9:30am on Thursday 21 August 2008 in the Theatrette, Level 4, Atrium Building, 168 St Georges Terrace, Perth. If you wish to attend, please RSVP on 6364 6645 or by email [grazyna.szczepanski@water.wa.gov.au](mailto:grazyna.szczepanski@water.wa.gov.au) .

Copies of the plan are available on [www.water.wa.gov.au](http://www.water.wa.gov.au)  
(Water Management/Stormwater and drainage/Strategies and management plans)  
A CD can be obtained from the department's Drainage and Waterways Branch phone Peter Kata 6364 6628.

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