



## *Media Statement*

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### **Gnangara forum series ends at Yanchep**

Members of the community are invited to attend the final forum in a series that focuses on the sustainability of the Gnangara groundwater system.

The Gnangara Sustainability Strategy (GSS) task force has been holding community forums around the metropolitan area over the past two months.

Input from the community has been sought to assist in decision making regarding steps necessary to allow the successful replenishment of the Gnangara mound – which supplies 60 per cent of the metropolitan area's drinking water and is vital to northern corridors agriculture and conservation use.

Led by the Department of Water in partnership with the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Agriculture and Food, the GSS is a unique inter-agency program designed to address the balance between competing land use – including residential development – and the needs to keep this vital source of drinking water sustainable.

The last in this series of GSS forums will be held Thursday evening in Yanchep.

The community forums are important public meetings that assist government to:

- identify how the community values current land uses on the Gnangara groundwater system
- understand community feeling toward potential trade-offs associated with long term management of the Gnangara groundwater system
- enable community issues and values to be incorporated into the Gnangara Sustainability Strategy decision support system model and strategy.

Community views are important to the Government and we welcome your input.

**Date:** Thursday 26 June 2008

**Time:** 5:45pm to 9:00pm (light supper provided)

**Venue:** Atrium Room, Yanchep Inn

**Address:** Yanchep National Park

**Prominent issues:** North West corridor development and coastal water (wetlands and coastal public water opportunities)

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