

# City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

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To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: INQUIRY INTO THE COST OF SUPPLYING BULK POTABLE WATER TO  
KALGOORLIE-BOULDER**

In response to the call for submissions on the draft report on the cost of supplying bulk potable water to Kalgoorlie-Boulder and surrounding regions, the following comments are offered on behalf of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is concerned that the outcomes from the inquiry may have too much of a bias towards those that most benefit the State Government's finances and that due consideration may not have been given to the flow on effects that an adequate, reliable water supply would bring to the Goldfields region and, therefore, the State of Western Australia. To this end, it is considered that a "triple bottom line" assessment would have been far more enlightening than the cost analysis which has been undertaken.

From the City's perspective, Council has no preference for either option, but will support whichever option can guarantee the following outcomes:-

- Long term security of the City's water supplies.
- Adequate quality water supplies to meet domestic, commercial and industrial demand.
- Sufficient capacity to increase water supplies so as not to limit potential growth within the Goldfields region.
- Equitable charge rate for local consumers when compared with those imposed on Perth customers.
- Continuation of State Government's "Community Service Obligation" payments to ensure that local domestic consumers are not disadvantaged when compared to charges applicable to residents of Perth.

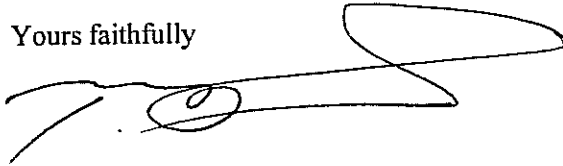
Further to the above listed outcomes, it should also be referenced that the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has always been concerned at the vulnerability of a single water source and would therefore consider the most preferable option to be the provision of potable water from two sources

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In closing, please be advised that the City has on file a letter from Premier Gallop to the Mayor of Kalgoorlie-Boulder dated 30 March 2005, guaranteeing that the State Government will continue to seek ways to improve water supplies to the Goldfields region and also guaranteeing that the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's water supplies will not come under threat while his Government is in power.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R S Yuryevich', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

**R S YURYEVIKH, AM RFD**  
Mayor