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Re: Submission for Esperance Water Project

As a farmer in the Scaddan and Ridley area I would consider the opportunity to access good clean portable water within reasonable distance from our farms would be a great asset.

We have a cropping program of 14,000ha and use a minimum of 3,500,000 litres of water per year in our spraying program. Twenty percent of this we collect as rainwater, the rest we obtain by settling out dam water. Because of the high PH Levels it is still not of very good quality. We would certainly use good water if we had access to it.

Up until three years ago we operated a 2000 head cattle feedlot, but closed the operation down, partly because we did not have a reliable supply of water. Access to good water would make us reconsider this option.

I have not had access to all the financial figures on this new water project but considering the quality of water available in Esperance at the moment and the expected growth in the district, anybody with any vision surely must see the opportunities this project would offer to the district.

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