

NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

APPLICATION TO AMEND OPERATING LICENCE NO 32

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking public comment on an application by the Water Corporation to amend its Water Services Operating Licence to:

1. Ensure all new rural drainage infrastructure complies with the Rural Drainage Manual of Standards (1977); and
2. Delete the Buayanyup Drain, Vasse and Wonnerup floodgates, Capel River levees and Serpentine River levees from the Flood Protection Work list, which specifies the areas to be operated and maintained to alleviate flooding.

A copy of the proposed changes is attached.

Submissions on the licence amendment are invited from all interested parties and must be received by **4.00pm 31 January 2007 WST**. Submissions should be in both written and electronic format and directed to:

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Extract From Schedule 7 of the Water Corporation's Operating Licence, Version 38
dated 26 October 2006

Marked with proposed amendments

7.8 The Corporation shall endeavour to operate and maintain its rural drainage infrastructure so that the period of inundation to land abutting a drain that forms part of the system shall be a maximum of 72 hours. If the period of inundation should exceed 72 hours the Corporation shall carry out an investigation of the adequacy of those operations and maintenance procedures. An exception is those low lying land areas where the contours make this impossible or where detention basins have been constructed for the retention of water for longer periods. Low lying areas include those areas within lots which abut the drain, which would normally not readily drain to the drain. However land that would normally drain to the drain, but where this is prevented by high flow levels in the drain, will be subject to the maximum 72 hour inundation period. This inundation period shall apply provided multiple storm events do not increase flow levels in the drains above the rural drainage infrastructure discharge points. The drainage system serves the general drainage requirements of rural properties in the Drainage Services Control Areas and there will be no obligation under this Licence for the Corporation to extend the service to other properties. *All new rural drainage infrastructure shall be designed in accordance with the Public Works Department 1977 "Rural Drainage Manual of Standards".*

7.9 The following flood protection works will be operated and maintained to cater for the peak flows of stormwater runoff from individual rainfall events shown tabulated:

<i>Flood Protection Works</i>	Location	Level of protection (average recurrence interval)
Preston River levees	Bunbury – Leschenault Inlet to Picton Bridge	1 in 100 year
Vasse River Diversion	Busselton	1 in 20 year
<i>The following works listed below will be deleted from the schedule</i>		
<i>Buayanyup Drain</i>	<i>Busselton</i>	<i>1 in 100 year</i>
<i>Vasse and Wonnerup floodgates</i>	<i>Busselton</i>	<i>1 in 100 year</i>
<i>Capel River levees</i>	<i>Busselton</i>	<i>1 in 100 year</i>
<i>Serpentine River levees</i>	<i>Baldivis area</i>	<i>1 in 25 year</i>