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**To:** Susan Criddle

**Subject:** Objection to Extension of Gascoyne Water Co-Op Licence.

We are commercial Banana Growers on the Gascoyne River, also members of GWC and customers of theirs.

The Water Scheme was originally set up by the State Government after serious droughts in the Gascoyne caused severe shortage of useable water from Basin A.

The town supply was drawn from Water Supply Island for many years however as the supply dried up because of salt intrusion the residential area was connected to the River Scheme and is now supplied from the same source putting pressure on the Scheme as the Town grows.

Now GWC wish to extend their watering area into East Carnarvon to an area we are led to believe is ear marked for residential development and has extensive housing in the area already.

GWC was created as a Co-Operative of Growers to comply with the COAG requirement to service the Growing Industry.

What with the pressure of Australian for fresh food production as drought takes hold in other Regions of Australia we wish to object to this extension and protect the valuable water for what it was established to do.

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