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Economic Regulatory Authority  
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Dear Sir,

I am an Esperance Shire Councillor representing the northern rural areas and I also farm in the Grass Patch area. I would like to express my full support of the Esperance to Kalgoorlie water pipeline as some years the northern areas of the shire from Gibson to Salmon Gums receive below average rainfall and would greatly benefit from being able to access this water.

Gibson is a town with a population of 600+ and there is always a shortage of water for the residents. There are also the towns of Scaddan, Grass Patch and Salmon Gums, which all have residents and schools, that rely on the small amount of water each town dam can supply, which in a dry year can run out. The three schools are unable to regularly water their sports ovals (and for some lengthy periods are unable to water them at all), therefore the children play on hard dry ovals.

With the construction of the Esperance to Kalgoorlie pipeline and the allowance of the above mentioned towns to be serviced from the pipeline the schools will be able to water their sports ovals regularly enabling the children to play on green ovals like the city children do.

If the farms in these rural areas could be serviced from the pipeline as well it would reduce the cost and necessity for the cartage of vital water for stock as they did last year and every year there is below average rainfall. With an improved water supply there is also the prospect to grow horticulture in these areas as in the case of one farmer at Grass Patch who has a small vineyard and is at present unable to expand due to the lack of a good reliable water supply.

Yours Sincerely

Tony Ietto  
Esperance Shire Councillor