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Dear Dr Purdy

Where from: Where to? A Discussion Paper on Remote Aboriginal Communities

I refer to the letter of 18 April 2007 from the Hon Tom Stephens MLA, Chairman of the Education and Health Standing Committee's inviting the Water Corporation to comment on the Inquiry into Successful Initiatives into Remote Aboriginal Communities. The following information is provided.

On page 60 of the Report, *Where from: Where to? A Discussion Paper on Remote Aboriginal Communities*, it states that only a small number of Aboriginal town-based communities have individual metering. The Water Corporation advises that of the town-based communities serviced by the Corporation, eleven have individual property meters and nine have individual property meters along with a master meter used for billing purposes. The remaining communities do not have individual meters, one of which only receives wastewater services.

The Report also highlights a disparity between the Water Corporation's list of town-based communities and those recognised by the Department of Housing and Works. Attached for the Committee's records, is a document previously provided to the Committee explaining the Corporation's understanding of the differences.

The Water Corporation appreciates the opportunity to provide input into this Inquiry. Please contact Mr Ashley Vincent, Regional Business Manager North West, on telephone number 9186 8228 should you need further information or clarification in relation to the above comments.

Yours sincerely

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EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE

TOWN-BASED ABORIGINAL COMMUNITITES

RECONCILIATION OF THE WATER CORPORATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND WORKS DATABASE

1. The following communities were included on both the Water Corporation and the Department of Housing and Works (DHW) lists of town-based communities being served by the Corporation.

It should be noted that in the case of the Junjuwa community (Fitzroy Crossing), the Water Corporation only provides wastewater services. The community continues to operate its own water supply system.

Water Corporation Region	Community
Goldfields	Iragul
Goldfields	Katampul Nambi Rd
Goldfields	Marmion Village
Goldfields	Kurrawang
Goldfields	Ninga Mia Village
Goldfields	Wongatha Wonganarra
Mid West	Bondini
North West	Bindi Bindi
North West	Bilgungurr
North West	Budulah
North West	Burrinunga
North West	Cheeditha
North West	Djimung Ngunda
North West	Guda Guda
North West	Irrungadji
North West	Junjuwa (wastewater only)
North West	Karmalinunga
North West	Kurnangki
North West	Lundja
North West	Maridwah Loop
North West	Mallingbar
North West	Mindi Rardi
North West	Mirima
North West	Mirtunkarra
North West	Mowanjum
North West	Nicholson Camp
North West	Nillir Irbanjin
North West	Ngaliwah
North West	Parnpajinya
North West	Pipunya
North West	Tjalka Wara
North West	Warrayu
Perth Region	Perth Nyoongah

2. The following communities appear on the Water Corporation's list but not the DHW list. Morell Park is serviced land owned by the Department of Indigenous Affairs and sub-leased to individual families. Ngarla Ngamal and Jinparinya are serviced communities remote from established town-sites. Accounts for a number of properties in the Gascoyne Junction rest with the Koorda Club Inc. One service in Cunderdin services the community of Badjaling Wanderers. All these services are essentially mainstreamed.

Water Corporation Region	Community
North West	Morell Park
North West	Ngarla Ngamal
North West	Jinparinya
North West	Koorda Club Inc
North West	Badjaling Wanderers

3. The following communities appear on the DHW list but not on the Water Corporation list. The Corporation has the DHW or the Department of Indigenous Affairs as the property owner in these cases and therefore views the accounts in the same way as accounts for the Government Employees' Housing Authority and other DHW properties. However, for the purposes of this comparison they need to be considered along with other communities receiving water services from the Water Corporation. They are not remote communities. In the case of Morgans Camp, accounts are rendered to the community but services are mainstreamed.

Water Corporation Region	Community
North West	Mungullah
North West	Morgans Camp
North West	Tkalka Boorda
North West	Yardgee
Perth	Cullacarbardee
Perth	Urban Aboriginal Community of Henley Brook

4. The following communities appear on the DHW list but the Water Corporation has no knowledge of the water supply status.

A number of the communities are remote from town centres, for example, Bungardi, Burawa, DarlIngunaya and Parukupan are not connected to the Fitzroy Town Water Supply.

The communities of Madunka Ewarry, Barrell Well and Emu Creek have not been identified as being served by the Water Corporation.

Water Corporation Region	Community
Mid West	Madunka Ewarry
Mid West	Barrell Well
North West	Bungardi
North West	Burawa
North West	DarlIngunaya
North West	Emu Creek
North West	Parukupan
