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Mr A P O'Gorman MLA
Chair
Community Development and Justice Standing Committee
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Mr O'Gorman

SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES IN GOVERNMENT

Thank you for your letter of 2 October 2007 inviting the Water Corporation to comment on the Inquiry into Collaborative Approaches in Government.

The Water Corporation is firmly committed to building strong and communicative relationships with the many communities and stakeholders with whom it interacts. To help achieve this goal, an initiative the Corporation has established is the "nomination of internal key stakeholder representatives".

This initiative has provided a single point of contact for various government and non-government organisations. The key factors in the success of this initiative are:

- more effective communication relating to specific projects; and
- access by other government agencies to the Water Corporation's knowledge, information and experience.


Some examples of the benefits provided by this initiative are:

- The Government Utilities' Essential Services Hardship Roundtable - this group aims to identify and report to the Government on ways in which government-owned essential service utilities, welfare agencies and government agencies could further improve the delivery and coordination of essential services to the most financially and socially disadvantaged individuals and families.
- The regular Water Corporation and Fire and Emergency Services Authority Joint Working Party meetings. Since May 2003, these meetings have resulted in the initiation of several projects that have benefited the Western Australian community.

- Meeting on a bi-annual basis with Local Government Chief Executive Officers and working with the local government to produce Memoranda of Understanding for wastewater re-use. This creates a successful outcome for the Water Corporation, local government and the environment.

The Water Corporation appreciates the opportunity to provide input on this Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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J. I. Gill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER