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Dear Dr Gordon

Submission to the Inquiry into Collaborative Approaches in Government

This correspondence refers to the letter dated 2 October 2007 from Mr A P O'Gorman MLA, Chair of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee seeking submissions for the Inquiry into Collaborative Approaches in Government.

The Department of Water (DoW) has been involved in a number of across government initiatives that may be of interest to the committee. One of particular importance was the successful development and implementation of the *State Water Plan 2007* ("the plan") (enclosed).

The DoW was a key partner in the development of the plan which commenced in October 2005 and was released in May 2007. This inaugural strategic plan outlines the vision and objectives for water resource management in Western Australia.

The project was lead by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and involved a number of key agencies across government plus extensive stakeholder and community consultation. A key factor of success was the leadership shown by the DPC as a central agency within the public sector. Given the number of parties involved and implicated by the plan it was critical to have government agency 'buy-in' from the beginning, which was clearly achieved by the DPC's involvement.

In finalising the plan, priority actions were identified which encompassed a number of agencies. This broad level of accountability across government created a sense of ownership which has greatly assisted in the successful implementation of the plan.



The DoW is the lead agency responsible for monitoring progress of implementation and overall success in the delivery of the plan. Regular progress reports on implementation are provided to Government and stakeholders. The provision of these reports aids in the continual and timely delivery of priority actions and assists in progressing water reform in Western Australia.

Should you require further information or clarification on the above points please contact , the Department of Water on .

Yours sincerely



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