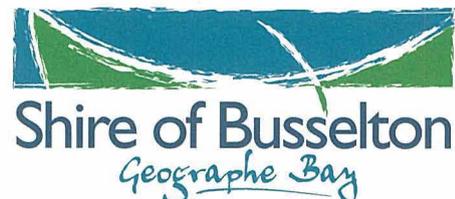
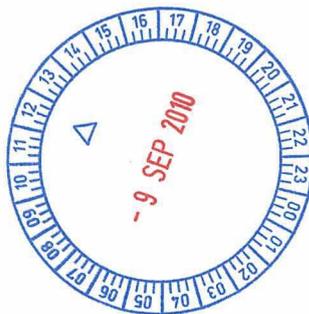


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7 September 2010

Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment
and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH 6000

Dear Mr Ellis

PETITION NO. 79 – PROPOSED CHLORINATION OF BUSSELTON'S WATER SUPPLY

I refer to the petition tabled by the Hon Adele Farina MLC in the Legislative Council on 22 June in regard to the above.

The Shire is aware the Busselton community has petitioned Parliament in regard to this issue and at a Special Council meeting convened especially for this purpose on 23 June the Council resolved the following:

1. That as soon as practicable, the Council, as elected representatives of the community of the Shire of Busselton, through the Shire President, writes a letter to the Premier of Western Australia, with copies to the Minister for Water, the Minister for Health, the Member for Vasse and the Chairman of the Board of Busselton Water:
 - a) acknowledging the rights of the community to lobby the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia by petition regarding the decision by the Busselton Water Board to implement full time chlorination of their domestic water supply,
 - b) acknowledging the response from the community to these petitions as being a significant response, and
 - c) respectfully requesting that, as a matter of priority and as is relevant to their respective offices, due consideration is given and appropriate action is taken regarding the requests and concerns of the community represented within these petitions.
 - d) That a copy of the resolution passed by Council tonight is included in these letters.

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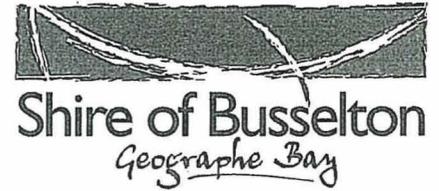
In light of the above, please find enclosed a copy of the letter sent to the Hon Premier dated 2 July 2010, which outlines the Council's position in regard to the chlorination of Busselton Water Supply.

I trust this information will assist and I thank you for providing the Shire with the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mike Archer
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



2 July 2010

Hon Colin Barnett MLA
Premier of Western Australia
24th Floor Governor Stirling Tower
197 St Georges Terrace
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Barnett

Re: Petitions Relating to the Chlorination of Busselton Water Supply

The Council of the Shire of Busselton has been requested to raise the matter of the Busselton Water Board's decision to chlorinate the Busselton water supply with you and a range of your Parliamentary colleagues with a request that you give due consideration to this matter.

At a Special Council meeting convened especially for this purpose on 23 June, the Council considered the matters raised by members of the Busselton community in two petitions to the Government, both containing more than 5000 signatures.

The Council noted the contents of the petitions and the number of signatories to them, acknowledging that this represented a significant response from the community of the Shire of Busselton. The Council also acknowledged the concerns of the residents who had signed them.

While the Council acknowledged the right of the community to lobby the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia by petition regarding the decision by the Busselton Water Board to implement full-time chlorination of their domestic water supply, the Council did not adopt a position that supported the content of those petitions.

On that basis, it is the Council's position that it strongly supports the Busselton Water Board's decision. The Council acknowledges the difficult decision that had to be made by the Busselton Water Board when the amoeba *Naeglaria lovaniensis* appeared in the supply and which has proven itself to be resistant to UV disinfection, and strongly supports the Board taking timely action to protect their customers from the potentially fatal water borne disease caused by the pathogen *Naeglari fowleri* which is sometimes associated with *Naeglaria lovaniensis*.

However, the Council also acknowledges the response from the community was significant and therefore agreed to respectfully request that you, the Minister for Water, Minister for Health and the Member for Vasse as a matter of priority give due consideration to and take appropriate action regarding the requests and concerns of the community represented within these petitions, as is relevant to the respective offices of the members mentioned. The same request is also made to the Chairman of the Busselton Water Board.

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I thank you for your consideration of this request and, in accordance with the Council resolution, have provided copies of this correspondence to Minister Jacobs, Minister Hames, Mr Buswell and Mr David Reid, Chairman of the Busselton Water Board, and attached a record of the three Council decisions in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully



Cr Ian Stubbs
SHIRE PRESIDENT

cc Hon Dr Graham Jacobs MLA, Minister for Water
Hon Dr Kim Hames MLA, Minister for Health
Mr Troy Buswell MLA, Member for Vasse
Mr David Reid, Chairman, Busselton Water Board