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MEDIA RELEASE

COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT INTO PIPELINE PROPOSAL

Harvey Water is inviting the local community to have input into a proposed pipeline which would provide critical infrastructure to the Kemerton Strategic Industrial Area (SIA).

The 12 kilometre polyethylene pipeline will be constructed one metre underground following road reserves and easements, carrying brine from Kemerton to the ocean north of Leschenault.

Along with power, water and gas, a brine pipeline is a key consideration for industry when determining the location of significant, long term operations.

Brine is concentrated salt and minerals and is produced during the reverse osmosis treatment of water. Ocean discharge, when conducted within strictly regulated and monitored construction and management conditions, is the commonly used and accepted method for neutralising brine waste.

Harvey Water has worked with landowners and relevant government agencies to carefully select a pipeline route that avoids sensitive areas and minimises impacts, taking into account the different topography, vegetation, fauna habitats, soil types and the marine environment.

Community consultation sessions, along with a wide range of studies including Aboriginal heritage, habitat, flora, fauna, endangered species, marine and seabed studies, will inform an application to the West Australian Environmental Protection Agency to construct the pipeline.

The community is invited to provide input and seek further information at the Binningup Fishing Club on Wednesday July 22 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm and Saturday July 25 from 9am to 11am and the Australind Village Shopping Centre on Thursday July 30 from 5pm to 7pm and Saturday August 1 from 10am to 2pm. Further information and a feedback form is also available at www.harveywater.com.au

"I encourage anyone who would like any further information or to ask questions to come along to the community sessions," said Harvey Water Chief Executive Officer, Bradd Hamersley.

"Harvey Water already operates in the Kemerton SIA providing non-potable water supply for process and construction operations and free water access points for firefighting and local volunteer fire brigades.

"A brine pipeline is an important piece of infrastructure that is critical to attracting key industry to Kemerton and establishing projects of state significance, which will increase investment and employment opportunities in the South West economy."

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Notes to Editors

- Harvey Water is a self-funded dual Cooperative which delivers non-potable water to its 720 members and a broad customer base, including irrigators, industry, local government and community organisations.
- Harvey Water's purpose is to stimulate regional economic development through water access solutions.