



# WATER FOR FOOD

## Myalup - Wellington



Working closely with local stakeholders, the Myalup-Wellington project will investigate and define new water resource options and land availability to support the expansion of both the Myalup Irrigated Agricultural Precinct and the Collie River Irrigation District.

The project will also be exploring downstream salinity treatment of water from the Wellington Dam for use in irrigated agriculture and industry, decreasing the reliance on existing groundwater supplies.

The planned expansion will significantly increase the food production capability of this region, and underpin longer term development providing increased economic growth and employment opportunities in the South West.

Comprehensive information packages outlining the potential for the development of irrigation precincts in each of the *Water for Food* project areas will assist in attracting large scale third party investment.

- Confirm sustainable water supply options
- Downstream salinity options
- Support expansion of Myalup and the Collie River irrigation districts
- Increase food production
- Land, water and investment packages
- Ministerial Steering Group formed

# Ministerial Steering group

Providing extensive leadership for the Myalup-Wellington *Water for Food* project will be the recently established Myalup-Wellington Ministerial Steering Group.

The terms of reference of the group includes; confirming water and land resources to enable the value of food production in the Myalup region to double; creating an appropriate mechanism to independently evaluate innovative concepts for below the wall desalination and other fit for purpose water technologies; and to examine the feasibility and options of broadening the distribution of water across the Collie River Irrigation District.

Additionally, technical advisory groups will be established to provide independent assessment and specialist advice as required.

The Myalup-Wellington steering group feeds into the *Water for Food* Ministerial Steering Committee, comprising the Minister for Water (chair), Minister for Regional Development; Lands, and Minister for Agriculture and Food. This cross-portfolio committee directs delivery of the state wide \$40million Royalties for Regions Water for Food program.

## The membership of the group includes:

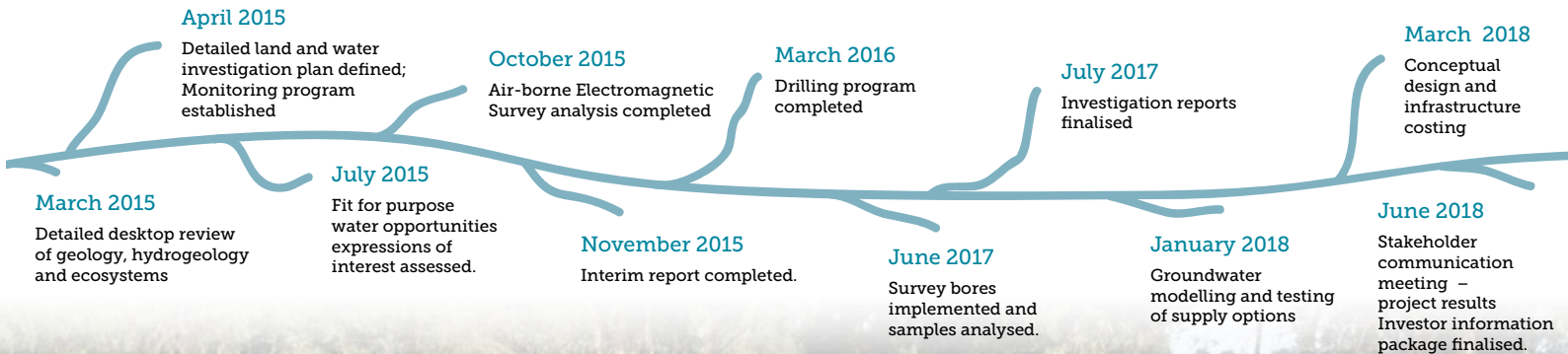
- Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation; Forestry (Chair)
- Federal Member for Forrest
- Harvey Water
- Vegetables WA
- South West Development Commission
- Bunbury Wellington Economic Alliance
- Australian Water Association (WA Branch)
- Office of the Minister for Regional Development; Lands
- Office of the Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation; Forestry
- Office of the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries
- Shire of Collie
- Shire of Dardanup
- Shire of Harvey

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## Proposed Myalup – Wellington timeline



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