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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT; EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

STATEMENT TO AMEND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO A PROPOSAL (PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 46 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)

STATEMENT FOR THE WATER CORPORATION

PROPOSAL:

GNANGARA MOUND GROUNDWATER

RESOURCES (041/697)

CURRENT PROPONENT:

THE WATER CORPORATION (JOINT)

CONDITIONS SET ON:

8 MARCH 1988

The implementation of Stage 1 of the Pinjar Groundwater Scheme is now subject to the following conditions which replace all previous conditions applicable to the above-mentioned proponent (see note at foot of this statement):

- The proponent shall adhere to the proposal as assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority and shall fulfil the revised management commitments made following the reallocation of responsibilities for the proposal. (A copy of the applicable commitments of November 1996 is attached).
- The proponent shall continue to review and develop methods to improve monitoring and control of all public bores, for the purpose of managing the water resource.
- 3 The proponent shall refer proposals to construct and operate Pinjar Stages 2 and 3 and other stages to the Environmental Protection Authority for further consideration.
- The staged development of groundwater schemes, which permit the matching of growth in demand with supply and the tailoring of schemes to minimize environmental impact, is an environmentally acceptable approach. The proponent shall apply this approach to future groundwater schemes.

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Note

- 1 Conditions for this proposal, applicable to the Water and Rivers Commission as joint proponent, were amended in a separate statement issued on the same date as below.
- 2 Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 817 reports on the amendments to the conditions for the proposal.

CHERYL EDWARDES (Mrs) MLA MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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Proponent's Environmental Management Commitments

November 1996

GNANGARA MOUND GROUNDWATER RESOURCES (041/697)

WATER CORPORATION RESPONSIBILITY

1 The unconfined and confined aquifers will be developed concurrently to provide some capacity for managing water table declines under severe drought conditions.

LAYOUT OF SCHEMES FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

The layouts of the proposed Lexia, Yeal and Barragoon Schemes will be further assessed as part of detailed investigation prior to selection of the preferred strategies for management of the groundwater resource.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

3 The Water Corporation will provide appropriate environmental documentation to enable the Environmental Protection Authority to assess future groundwater developments on the Gnangara Mound.