



# Media release

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## **Council Connect with Concerned Community**

Albany City Council is pleased to advise that the Water Corporation will no longer be going ahead with their plans to release brine into the ocean at Perkins Beach, Torbay.

Council had advocated on behalf of community to ask the Water Corporation to seek alternative locations to dispose of the brine, after receiving numerous complaints from Community.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said that Council advocated support with community resulting in a positive outcome.

“We would like to clarify that this was not a City of Albany project. However, there are valuable lessons to be learnt.

“While the Water Corp did not need our formal approval, Council was concerned with their lack of community consultation prior to commencing required works. The City would request the Water Corp assurances that this situation will not happen again.

“Council wishes to see a more rigorous process to develop relations with state government agencies, and we will continue to advocate in the interests of community, showing strong and united leadership.”

Mr Wellington acknowledges the quick responses of the Torbay Catchment Group, the Save Perkins Beach Action Group and individuals of the community who have taken the time to contact the Council to express their concerns.

“Unfortunately, prior to informing residents of the proposal, Water Corporation conducted construction work on a truck bay at the end of Perkins Beach Road, which has understandably led to strong community backlash.”

Mr Wellington said Council shared the community’s satisfaction to see the Water Corp responding to community backlash by seeking alternative locations which meet the needs of all stakeholders.

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