

# Water plant proceeds

THE Water Corporation will proceed with planning for a water treatment plant in Mundaring despite reports in October that a second desalination plant proposed for Esperance would service the same area.

Stoneville Progress Association chairman Mike Davies wrote to the Mundaring water treatment plant project director Ken Walter for clarification after the State Government announced that negotiations were started for the construction of the plant in 2009 at Esperance to service the Goldfields and Kalgoorlie.

In his letter, Mr Davies said: "We have

been told that the new Mundaring plant is intended to supply the future needs of the Goldfields and Kalgoorlie. Given the fact it will double the present plant's capacity, where will you find the extra 100,000 customers once the Esperance plant is built?"

However, Mr Walter said the Esperance desalination plant proposal was a private, commercial project and did not involve the Water Corporation.

In his reply to Mr Davies dated December 11, Mr Walter said: "If a desalination plant at Esperance did get the go ahead and the water it produced was piped to the

Goldfields, the Water Corporation would consider buying that water if it was priced competitively.

While this could have an impact on the size of the water treatment plant required at Mundaring, it would still mean that such a facility was required".

The Mundaring Water Supply Improvement Project was announced in 2002.

Plans involved the staged construction of up to three 50-megalitre water tanks and a large water filtration plant to improve the quality of drinking water from Mundaring Weir.