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Water Corporation ignores residents' questions

Binningup residents' questions are falling on deaf ears and they are being left out of the decision-making process, according to Murray Cowper MLA, who will be seeking to represent the residents of Binningup and Harvey in the next state election as a result of recent changes to the electoral boundaries.

His comments come after Binningup residents asked Mr Cowper and Leschenault MLA Dan Sullivan to present a petition signed by 977 people to Parliament, asking that the proposed Binningup desalination plant be moved to an industrial-zoned area, as the community has "grave concerns about the effect on the amenity of the area, the potential damage to the local coastal and marine environment and the potential for beneficial land use and rational development in the locality."

The Binningup De-Sal Action Group has also written to the Minister for Water Resources, John Kobelke, in protest after they felt their questions were ignored and 'fobbed off' at a recent meeting with Water Corporation representatives.

Their letter listed ten questions that were not addressed by the Water Corporation, including requests for information such as a draft plant layout, or the content of the questions being asked by the Corporation in their recent community survey about the proposal.

"I think the Water Corporation need to really work on their communication skills." Mr Cowper said, one week after he slammed their decision to convert Logue Brook Dam to a drinking water source despite significant community opposition in Harvey and Waroona.

"Here they have the opportunity to win back the support of Binningup residents, yet they cannot provide them with information as simple as a brief for the proposed social impact study, or a map of the proposed site or the plant layout, which will supposedly be constructed as soon as next year."

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