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

Secretariat:
- Director Water for Food program, Department of Water
  (08) 6364 7687   waterforfood@water.wa.gov.au

Proposed Myalup – Wellington timeline

- **March 2015**: Detailed desktop review of geology, hydrogeology and ecosystems
- **April 2015**: Detailed land and water investigation plan defined; Monitoring program established
- **July 2015**: Fit for purpose water opportunities expressions of interest assessed.
- **October 2015**: Air-borne Electromagnetic Survey analysis completed
- **November 2015**: Interim report completed.
- **March 2016**: Drilling program completed
- **June 2016**: Investigation reports finalised
- **June 2017**: Survey bores implemented and samples analysed.
- **July 2017**: Conceptual design and infrastructure costing
- **January 2018**: Groundwater modelling and testing of supply options
- **March 2018**: Stakeholder communication meeting – project results
  Investor information package finalised.

Department of Water
168 St Georges Terrace
Perth Western Australia 6000

Telephone: +61 6364 7600
Facsimile: +61 6364 7601
National Relay Service: 13 36 77

www.water.wa.gov.au
© Government of Western Australia April 2015