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MEDIA RELEASE

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Statement by Busselton Water

In response to the front page article in the Busselton Dunsborough Times on 1st October, 2010 titled "Chlorination Delay".

This statement (1st October, 2010) that the chlorination of Busselton's water supply had been delayed is inaccurate in that it creates an impression of considerable delay and uncertainty.

Busselton Water's Board Chairman, David Reid said "The project implementation works are 4-6 weeks behind the current scheduled programme, subject to the final decision on the system to be used."

"The Board's decision statement in March to chlorinate did include an indicative estimate of around a year for implementation. Following the Board's decision and a closer examination of the required implementation compliance process it became clear that a longer time frame was required," said Mr Reid.

"It is now estimated that full chlorination will occur in early 2012. Busselton Water is committed towards implementing world's best practise in water treatment for its customers. If this means it may take a little longer then it's in the best interests of our customers," Mr Reid explained.

In the interim Busselton Water will continue its strict sampling regime and undertake spot chlorination when required.

"I would like to assure our customers that we will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to introduce the safest and most drinkable water supply possible and the best system of delivering that outcome," Mr Reid said.

The decision to chlorinate was not an easy one to make and will undoubtedly rank in the Board's history as one of the Board's most difficult ones, we are nevertheless determined to implement that decision successfully to protect the health and safety of our customers.

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