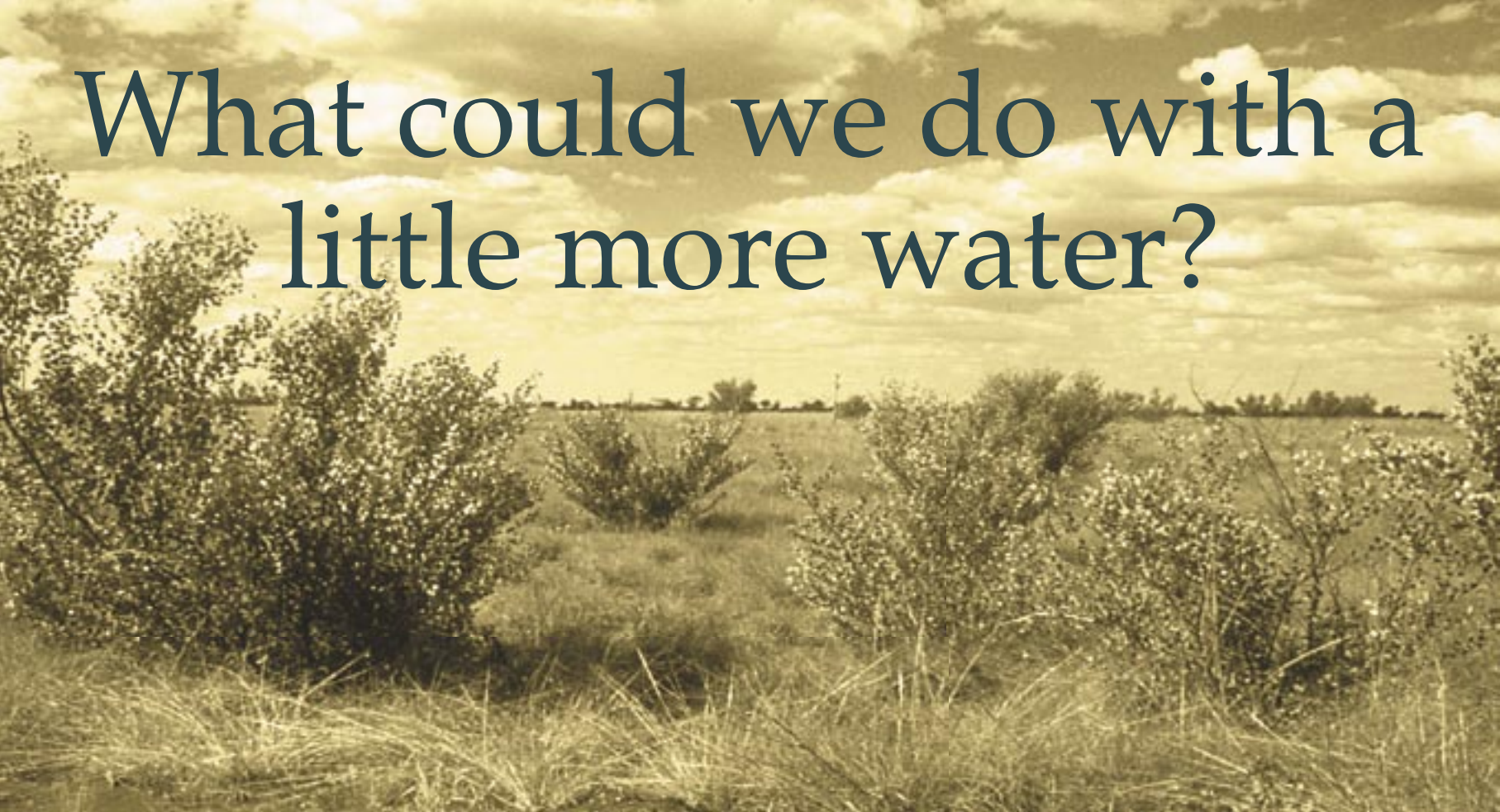


What could we do with a
little more water?





We are a step closer to getting lots more!!

United Utilities Australia welcomed the report of the Economic Regulation Authority supporting its \$400 million plan to build a desalination plant and pipeline to pump up to 37GL a year of fresh water to the Goldfields and Esperance.

The ERA report released on the 9th November gave encouragement to the company to negotiate a water contract with the WA Government.

UUA is confident it can provide water to Kalgoorlie-Boulder at a lower cost to Government than the current supplier and also meet increasing demand from the mining industry.

- The cost to households for water will not change.
- For people in Esperance water quality will improve dramatically.
- Farmers will have unlimited water supplies to diversify and add value to produce.





Where to from here?

The next steps are to:

- Lease the desalination plant land from the Esperance Port Authority.
- Establish levels of demand for water from mining companies, farmers and industrial users.
- Reach agreement with Government on the relationship between UUA and the Water Corporation.
- Reach agreement with Government on price.

With contracts signed by mid 2006, construction would commence in the first quarter of 2007 and water would flow into the region by mid 2008.





*Below Top:
Kalgoorlie Superpit*

*Below Middle:
Esperance Town Centre*

*Below Bottom:
Aerial view of Esperance Port*

By **2008** the Goldfields-Esperance Region will have more than **three times the fresh water** that it has today...



There will be significant other benefits:

- Expanded mineral production in the region.
- 200 jobs during construction and \$400 million investment.
- Will generate over \$2.5 billion of economic activity in the region.
- Will provide 25GL to 37.5GL of water compared to 11GL currently provided.
- Esperance, Salmon Gums and Widgiemooltha communities will have high quality bulk water for the first time.
- Plentiful water will be available for the Shark Lake and Mungari Industrial Parks.
- Potential to develop new high value agri-businesses in the region.

The project will be gentle on the environment:

- It will relieve pressure on Perth's stressed water resource and guarantee more water to the Goldfields and Esperance regions.
- Brine will be released back into the deep trenches and strong currents of the Southern Ocean through a 1.6 to 2.5 km long outfall pipeline.
- Native trees will be planted in the region to absorb the same amount of carbon dioxide as is produced to generate power for the desalination plant.
- Will make greater use of the Esperance wind farm.

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