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Water Conservation Message Getting Through

Dr Mike Nahan, Member for Riverton said a dramatic reduction in the number of people fined for breaking the two days a week sprinkler roster reflected the growing community recognition for doing the right thing in conserving water.

The Minister for Water, Dr Jacobs has released Water Corporation figures that show that in the past six months infringement notices issued by field officers had dropped more than 64 per cent to just 154.

"This compares with 438 in the corresponding months in 2008. Similarly, warning notices have fallen 31 per cent from 2,817 in 2008 to 1,926. This is a remarkable turnaround and reflects the community's concerns about water conservation."

Dr Nahan said awareness of water efficiency was also enhanced in the past six months by the State Government's trial of the total winter sprinkler ban drawing further attention to the roster.

"Colin Barnett, the State Government and I will continue to promote awareness of the roster and its role in water demand management because it is more preferable to educate the community on its requirements than to issue warnings and fines," Dr Nahan said.

"However, the vast majority of the community do observe the roster and they will continue to expect the Water Corporation to act when the roster is blatantly broken."

Dr Nahan also asked the community to pay special attention to their water usage through summer with the current spell of prolonged hotter weather.

"Water is a vital but limited resource and we must endeavour to conserve it wherever possible," Dr Nahan said.

"The State Government has completed the community consultation process in regards to the trial winter water sprinkler ban and it is expected that they will announce a formal decision on a permanent winter water sprinkler ban early in the New Year."

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