

WATER CORPORATION — ROCKY GULLY

464. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the minister's media statement from February this year stating that the Water Corporation is carting about 11 million litres of drinking water each week to Cranbrook, Grass Patch, Hyden, Lake King, Varley, Rocky Gully, Wellstead, Salmon Gums, Ravensthorpe and Walpole.

Can the minister advise the reason the Water Corporation is carting water to Rocky Gully, considering the town has its own catchment reservoir?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Water.

Due to water quality concerns, the Rocky Gully dam has not been used by Water Corporation to supply drinking water to the Rocky Gully community since 2011. Water Corporation has been carting water to Rocky Gully from the Lower Great Southern town water supply scheme since 2011. Due to the relatively small number of customers in Rocky Gully, carting of water was determined by the former Liberal–National government to be the most cost-effective long-term solution for this community.