Standing Committee on Environment and Public GPO Box A11
Perth WA 6837

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

RE: Petition No 166- Cessation of the Chlorination of the Busselton Water Supply

Dear Committee Members,

My submission relates specifically that;

"Since the chlorination of our water supply there is significant distress, illness and injury to the community" The residents of Busselton have suffered physically, emotionally and financially. The people of our community have enjoyed 106 years of chemical free water without ill effects.

Since the introduction of chlorine to our water supply the community is very distress, and express some of their effects on social media Facebook. The following information comes from a page "Busselton Water- What are you thoughts on the new Chlorinated water?"

FILTER SYSTEMS - Filter systems are the must have item for our community now. With filter jugs costing around \$35, to isolated tap only filters for kitchen to shower costing anywhere from \$100 to \$300 and point of entry filters (whole house systems) costing between \$500 to \$700 dollars plus the added cost of a Qualified Plumber to install. Filter systems are expensive to install and filters need to be changed regularly- the closer your house to a treatment plant the less time your filter is working correctly, as the strength of Chlorine is noticeably stronger the closer you live.

As you can see the community is distressed, and are suffering financially from the introduction to chlorine to our water supply. Please act immediately and restore the previous disinfection system and our pure water.

Yours Sincerely

Sharon Lawrence

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## Appendix 1. May 24<sup>th</sup> 2012- Point of entry Filter system



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