



## Leschenault Catchment Council

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# MEDIA STATEMENT

## Land use trials set for South Collie project

A project designed to ultimately improve both soil and water quality in the South Collie catchment has secured a second year of substantial support from Premier Coal.

Premier Coal will provide a second \$25,000 instalment toward the Leschenault Catchment Council project, which is investigating the benefits of various land-use options for productivity and water quality.

Leschenault Catchment Council Project Officer Chris Howe said during the first year of the project, feedback was sought from local landowners on local issues and opportunities along with their willingness to be involved.

Chris said on-farm trials were now about to be set up on three properties in the Wilga-McAlinden area. The trials would investigate how deep rooted legume pastures and an inoculation of aerobic microbes impacted on soil moisture and soil carbon. The results were expected to be known by the end of 2018 and would be shared with the community.

Premier Coal General Manager Glenn Burlinson said the Company was proud to support an important environmental project that could have far reaching positive impacts for the Collie area and the Collie River.

*Photo caption: Leschenault Catchment Council Project Officer Chris Howe and Manager Judy Fisher join Premier's Terry Knoll and Colm Harkin in checking out one of the trial locations in Wilga.*

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