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WESFARMERS' ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH REPORT

Wesfarmers today released its second report detailing the environmental, safety and health performance of most of its business units.

The 1998/99 report includes the Wesfarmers liquefied petroleum gas plant at Kwinana which joins coal mining, gas retailing, fertilisers and chemicals, forest products and plantations and transport who contributed to the inaugural 1997/98 report.

Apart from the inclusion of another key business unit, the report has increased in size with expanded sections from Wesfarmers Coal, Wesfarmers CSBP, Bunnings Forest Products and Wesfarmers Transport.

The Managing Director of Wesfarmers Limited, Michael Chaney, said the basic structure of the report remained unchanged with the business units having primary responsibility for content and coordination from the Corporate Office.

"We have learnt from the experience of our first effort and I believe this report is better as a result," he said. "In particular we have attempted to address issues raised in the independent verification and report to management carried out by PricewaterhouseCoopers on the 1997/98 report, specifically with respect to broadening the coverage of issues and consistency of measures and reporting periods.

"This process will be one of continuous improvement - both with respect to the substance of our achievements and in the way they are conveyed publicly - in response to the interests of our shareholders, employees and the broader community in our performance in these important areas.

"As I say in my foreword to the report, we intend to be just as proud of our safety and environmental record as we are of the contribution we make towards the economy generally and the returns we deliver to our owners."

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