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RAINWATER TANK REBATES EXPAND AS 1,000 ISSUED

The Rann Government's rainwater tank rebate scheme has been further expanded coinciding with the payment of more than 1,000 rebates.

Minister for Environment and Conservation Gail Gago says the potential for even greater water saving has been created by the Government's decision to include an additional rebate of up to \$200 for inclusion of seamless automatic switching or the connection of two or more connection points within the home.

This is on top of rebates of up to \$800 that have already been offered for rainwater tanks and the plumbing of a new or existing rainwater tank into an existing home.

"It would appear the rainwater tank rebate scheme is proving a huge success since the Government agreed to widen the criteria for rebates," said the Minister.

"More and more people are recognising the benefits of installing rainwater tanks and plumbing them into household outlets such as toilets and the laundry.

"The continuing drought and water restrictions have resulted in a dramatic increase in the uptake of rainwater tanks in the last few months."

More than 1,000 applicants have now received rebates totalling more than \$560,000 since the scheme was first introduced on 1 July 2006.

It's expected that automatic seamless switching – whereby rainwater is used in preference to mains water when available – can increase rainwater use by 40 per cent while connection to more than one connection point within a house, paving the way for more than one indoor use, can save even more mains water by consuming up to 30 per cent more rainwater.

Details about the scheme including application forms for claiming a rebate are available from the SA Water website at the following address:

http://www.sawater.com.au/SAWater/YourHome/SaveWaterInYourHome/rebates_rainwatertanks.htm

Homeowners are reminded that either automatic or manual switching between rainwater tanks and an alternative water source ie mains water and proof of installation by a registered plumber is required.

Information is also available from the SA Water customer service on 1300 650 950.