

Long Term Plan

Developing the Long Term Plan for the Eyre Peninsula

Long Term Plans consider combined water management opportunities. Long Term Plans aim to ensure that SA Water bulk systems (including water sources, treatment plants, and transfer pipelines) have sufficient capacity over a 25 year period by:

- Analysis of current status of water resource and bulk systems
- Estimation of population growth
- Analysis of development, by sector growth
- Allowance for environmental and sustainability issues, including climate variability and change
- Consulting external local and state stakeholders and communities
- Establishment of an internal technical reference group.

The *Eyre Peninsula Long Term Plan* will review key assumptions used in the *2003 Eyre Peninsula Master Plan*. It will build on this report by incorporating an increased emphasis on integrated water cycle planning and reuse principles indicated by the Water Proofing Adelaide study. This will mean a broader range of alternatives for serving this area can be explored alongside the current conventional approaches.

As part of this process SA Water will consider when and where the increased volumes of water are required as a defined upgrade path to continue the security of supply for Eyre Peninsula.

SA Water will undertake the development of technical options with specialist consultants providing assistance. Consultation with Eyre Peninsula community and local and state government agencies and authorities will occur concurrently with the technical assessments and feed into the process as information becomes available.

The plan will guide the scheduling of capital works on Eyre Peninsula.

SA Water will prepare a report for the Minister for Water Security consideration summarizing the community input to the Long Term Plan and the community views regarding the final Long Term Plan document. SA Water will be responsible for making the final Long Term Plan recommendations in liaison with the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board.

The Long Term Plan is due for delivery to the Minister for Water Security by the end of May 2008.

Long Term Plan schedule

August 2007

Eyre Peninsula Water Security Reference Group established and first meeting held.

October 2007

Information sessions with key stakeholders/community.

November 2007

Initial Long Term Plan strategy ideas developed.

November 2007 – March 2008

Consultation on draft Long Term Plan.

April 2008

Final consultation on draft Long Term Plan.

May 2008

EP Water Security Reference Group comment on Long Term Plan – community views documented and presented to Minister.