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### **RESEARCH HUB SECURES SA'S WATER FUTURE**

A new \$50 million water research institute will be established in South Australia to help secure and manage the State's water supply.

Premier Mike Rann and the Federal Minister for Innovation Minister Senator Kim Carr today announced the new Goyder Institute for Water Research, which will position South Australia as a world leader in water innovation and science.

The State Government will provide \$25 million over five years for the institute, which will be matched in kind by the CSIRO, the University of South Australia, the University of Adelaide and Flinders University.

The institute will provide independent scientific advice on South Australia's water system, improving the State Government's ability to forecast threats to water security and develop an integrated approach to water management.

Mr Rann said the Goyder Institute is a major coup for the State.

"Here in South Australia, water has become one of our highest priorities because of the prolonged drought and likely challenges of climate change," Mr Rann said.

"We have long been a national leader when it comes to water innovation, including stormwater and rainwater recycling and urban water reuse.

"I am delighted to announce the Goyder Institute will be established in Adelaide, meaning we can invest further in research to develop the next generation of knowledge to guide smart water use.

"The Goyder Institute will produce cutting-edge science to develop innovative water management strategies for the ongoing water security of all South Australians.

"Research outcomes from the institute will also enable us to develop new strategies to support further economic development and protect our environment.

Senator Carr said that CSIRO's involvement in the Goyder Institute will help achieve the Commonwealth Government's goals for water reform in Australia.

"The Goyder Institute will provide the quality science we need to improve water resource management outcomes for South Australia, the Murray-Darling Basin and the nation," Senator Carr said.

South Australian Minister for Water Paul Caica said research from the Goyder Institute would play a vital part in future decision-making.

"South Australia is facing a future of declining water availability and quality, and it is vital that we continue to adapt and thrive in a water-scarce environment," Mr Caica said.

"We understand the vital importance of the Murray River to our State, and our investment in the Goyder Institute will generate new knowledge we can use to make even better decisions about applying any extra water that we are able to secure."

South Australia's Chief Scientist Dr Ian Chessell said the Goyder Institute will be nationally-recognised as a hub for water research.

"This Institute is a partnership between the State Government and CSIRO, as well as the University of South Australia, the University of Adelaide, Flinders University, the South Australian Research and Development Institute, and the Australian Water Quality Centre of SA Water," said Dr Chessell.

"Other key research organisations will also be invited to collaborate with the institute, which will improve connections between industry and research organisations."