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WATERING HOURS UNAFFECTED BY DAYLIGHT SAVING

Minister for Water Paul Caica said the current watering hours for the majority of South Australians won't change when daylight saving begins tomorrow.

Mr Caica says the winter watering times that ensure gardeners don't have to water in the dark have previously been adjusted to coincide with the beginning of daylight saving.

"Given the short timeframe between daylight saving beginning and our commitment to end level 3 enhanced restrictions from December 1, it is best to avoid any risk of confusion by leaving the current winter watering times in place," Mr Caica says.

"Until then, the community can still water their gardens up to seven hours a week between 7-10am or 4-7pm on any day when using dripper systems and hand-held hoses fitted with a trigger nozzle.

"Watering cans and buckets can be used on any day and at any time. Sprinklers and other watering systems continue to be banned."

"Watering times for people with a permit who are unable to adhere to restrictions due to age or disability remain unchanged.

"This formula will stay in place until the current Level 3 enhanced water restrictions end on the first day of summer and our updated permanent water conservation measures take precedence."

Mr Caica says the unchanged watering hours also apply to SA Water customers on Eyre Peninsula and the special exemptions currently in place for areas in Whyalla and Port Pirie.

"With the approach of the warmer months, our reservoirs are in a good position with total storages currently about 93 per cent of capacity due to recent rainfall," he says.

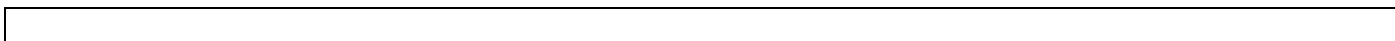
"Adelaide's water consumption so far this year is also almost 7 billion litres lower than at the same time last year, reflecting the value South Australians place on every drop of water they use.

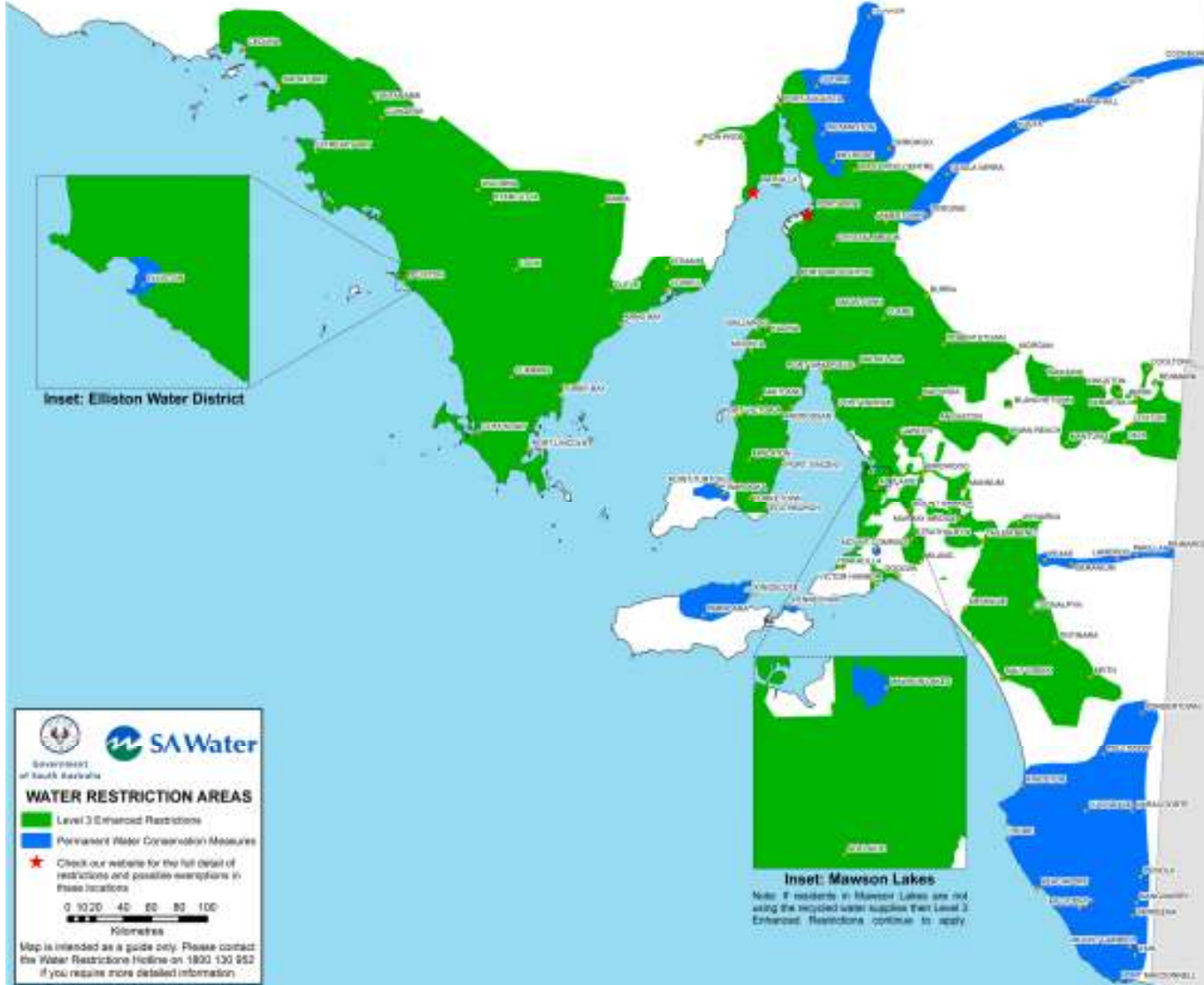
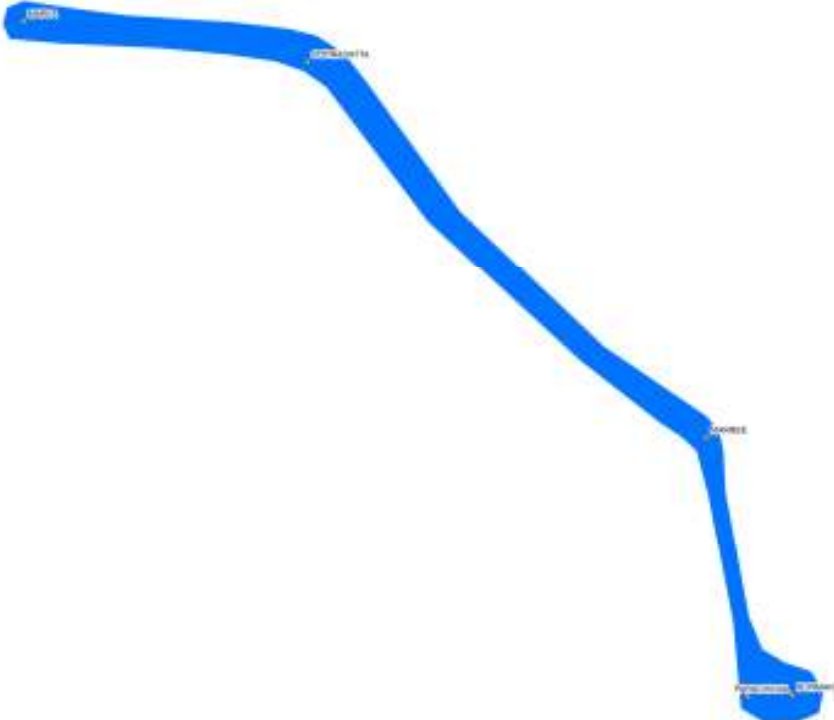
"These savings and our improved water situation demonstrate why we are now in a position to adopt updated permanent water conservation measures from December.

"I'm working with SA Water to finalise these measures and expect to soon make an announcement."

Watering times for areas already subject to existing Permanent Water Conservation Measures (see attached map) will move forward by one hour to begin at 6 pm until 10am from the introduction of daylight saving.

For more information about the current level of water restrictions in your area visit www.sawater.com.au or call the Water Restrictions Hotline on 1800 130 952.





Inset: Elliston Water District

Inset: Mawson Lakes

Note: If residents in Mawson Lakes are not using the recycled water supplies then Level 3 Enhanced Restrictions continue to apply.




WATER RESTRICTION AREAS

- Level 3 Enhanced Restrictions
- Permanent Water Conservation Measures

★ Check our website for the full detail of restrictions and possible exemptions in these locations

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Kilometres

Map is intended as a guide only. Please contact the Water Restrictions Hotline on 1800 130 952 if you require more detailed information.