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RAINWATER TANK REBATES AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY

Minister for Water Paul Caica today said the \$200 rebate on rainwater tanks for backyard garden watering will be available from SA Water from Monday, honouring Labor's election commitment.

Mr Caica says the new stand alone rainwater tank rebate scheme has been officially backdated until March 11, the date the announcement was made during the election campaign.

"The new rebate for tanks of 1000 litres or more will be available regardless of whether or not it is plumbed into the home laundry or hot water service," Mr Caica says.

"Given the price tag for 1000 litre tanks starts at about \$400, this rebate should be able to cover half the cost of a basic tank.

"This \$9.47 million initiative will enable the purchase of 40,000 more tanks by home gardeners during the next four years.

"South Australia already proudly leads the nation in rainwater tank ownership, with about 45 per cent of properties having a rainwater tank.

"This election commitment, honoured in full, will build on that record and enable gardeners to be less reliant on mains water by providing an alternative source for watering during dry spells."

Mr Caica says SA Water has allocated and trained additional staff to process applications and call centre staff will also be advised to direct customers to the new application forms.

"Already, about 200 customers in recent weeks have contacted SA Water and asked to have application forms sent out to their homes when they become available," he says.

"These customers have already been sent an application form in the mail so that they can claim the rebate this week."

Further information about the new stand alone rainwater tank rebate including application forms will also be available on the SA Water website at:

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

Leaflets explaining how to claim the rebate will also be available soon at the point of sale including rainwater tank retailers, hardware, home handyman, nursery and garden stores.