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RECYCLED WATER TO HELP GREEN VICTOR HARBOR

Victor Harbor can look forward to a greener future with construction approved for a \$2.683 million wastewater reuse scheme to deliver some 150 million litres of recycled water to the city's public spaces.

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald said the joint State Government and City of Victor Harbor project will be completed and delivering recycled water to ovals, parks and reserves by the end of November 2010.

"SA Water and the City of Victor Harbor, under the leadership of Mayor Mary-Lou Corcoran, have been working together for the past two years to find a recycled water option for the city," Minister Maywald says.

"I'm pleased we can now deliver this project in time for the 2010-11 Summer, when the green areas of Victor Harbor most need water."

"This project will provide a sustainable water resource for the local parks, ovals and public spaces.

"The environment will also be a winner with significantly less discharge into the Inman River providing long-term benefits for the creek environment.

"As part of the Victor Harbor reuse scheme we will also upgrade the disinfection system at the wastewater treatment plant in order to deliver a water quality that meets the new National Recycled Water Guidelines.

"This will enable the water to be used on public open spaces.

"The capacity of the reuse scheme has been designed to meet growth demands projected until 2016, and we anticipate that as additional opportunities to use the water emerge over time, the discharge to the Inman River will further reduce.

"This project builds on South Australia's leading role in recycled water projects throughout the nation."

The City of Victor Harbor has contributed \$340,000 to the overall project cost, with the State Government contributing the remaining \$2.343 million

City of Victor Harbor Deputy Mayor Pat Chigwidden said the council was looking forward to turning on their taps to recycled water towards the end of 2010.

“This project will have positive impacts on our community, our city and the local businesses through the availability of high quality recycled water to help cater for regional growth,” Ms Chigwidden says.

“We have welcomed the opportunity to work with the State Government to deliver this initiative for the City and ensure we can maintain our green spaces even in times of drought.

“The first areas to benefit from the recycled water will be Encounter Bay Recreational Grounds, Investigator College, Victor Harbor Oval, Barker Reserve and the Victor Harbor Holiday Park.

“We also expect further opportunities will emerge to expand the scheme to other areas of Victor Harbor.

“I would also like to thank and acknowledge the hard work that our Mayor, Mary-Lou Corcoran has put in over the years to achieve this outcome.”