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## **GLENELG TO CITY RECYCLED WATER PROJECT A STEP CLOSER**

Businesses and community groups can register their interest to substitute mains and ground water for recycled water through the \$75 million Glenelg to Adelaide Parklands project.

Acting Minister for Water Security Rory McEwen today announced the proposed route of the 30-kilometre pipeline network which will carry recycled water from the Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant to Adelaide's CBD and Parklands.

"The proposed pipeline route – presented to Parliament's Public Works Committee today – runs along the southern edge of Adelaide International Airport heading east to Anzac Highway before branching out around the city centre," Mr McEwen said.

"The project puts in place the long-term backbone infrastructure for recycled water use which can be extended for property developments, industry, irrigation and commercial or community uses.

"SA Water has already been working with local governments and large water users along the proposed pipeline route to develop opportunities for using recycled water.

"Now other businesses close to this route can assess their water needs and consider whether they would want to access a high-quality recycled supply.

"Construction of the pipeline is due to start early next year and the first recycled water will be available for use in mid-2010.

"Early information on construction schedules will be provided to residents and businesses situated along the pipeline route.

"Once in place, 5.5 billion litres a year of treated water from the Glenelg plant could be reused."

Mr McEwen says the project will contribute to the State Government's target of increasing the percentage of wastewater reused in South Australia to nearly 45 percent. In 2007-08, it was 29pc, double the national average.

"By increasing use of recycled water we can significantly reduce nutrient discharge to the gulf marine environment and also reduce stress on existing irrigation water supplies, including potable River Murray and Mt Lofty Ranges water, the River Torrens and local groundwater systems."

For businesses seeking more information on connecting to the recycled water supply, contact SA Water on 1800 812 362. Copies of the route are available from SA Water.

