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MEDIA RELEASE

CHANGE TO ENFORCEMENT PROCESS FOR RESTRICTION BREACHES

Water Conservation Officers will now issue a fine - without a first warning - for breaches to water restrictions they witness on their rounds.

SA Water Chief Operating Officer John Ringham says the water restrictions have been in force for long enough for the community to be well aware of the conditions and householders should not require a friendly reminder or warning notice.

"However, this will apply only to cases where our own officers have witnessed the breach," Mr Ringham said.

"Friendly reminders and warning notices will still be used where we are responding to a call to the Water Restrictions Hotline as we are unable to verify the breach ourselves."

Warnings and fines since 23 October 2006:

Friendly reminders - 6,094

Warning notices - 1,251

Expiations - 12

These changes take effect from today.