



Eyre Region Desalination Plant

In 2008, the South Australian Government, through SA Water, developed a Long Term Plan for the Eyre Region's public water supply. The plan established a framework to secure Eyre Peninsula's water supply to meet increases in demand for the next 25 years.

The Long Term Plan enables us to respond to changes in climatic conditions, water resource allocations and increases in demand.

An ongoing annual review process was included to ensure water security for Eyre Peninsula is based on the most up-to-date information available.

The first annual review of the Long Term Plan was held in November 2009.

Diversifying Eyre Peninsula's water resources

SA Water has decided to focus on desalination as the preferred water security option for the region and accelerated the time frames for investigations.

Recently we invited your comments on five locations being considered for a desalination plant on Eyre Peninsula.

Your comments and feedback from other stakeholder groups have been considered as part of the assessment process undertaken by SA Water.

In addition, we have carried out substantial 'desk top' research to understand issues relating to ocean mixing and currents, aquaculture, water depths, geotechnical

conditions, environment, power supply and proximity to water infrastructure.

We have now narrowed investigations to two preferred areas where a desalination plant could be built. These sites are shown on the map below.

SA Water will now start rigorous environmental investigations on these sites. These investigations will include an assessment of marine and terrestrial ecosystems as well as further consideration of social, economic and technical factors.

Further consultation will also be undertaken with key stakeholders, local land owners and indigenous heritage groups.

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