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### **APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER FOR WATER SECURITY**

Premier Mike Rann has announced the appointment of Karlene Maywald to the new portfolio of Minister for Water Security.

“With South Australia facing a serious water crisis, Karlene will take responsibility for Water Security, including SA Water, complementing her current management of the River Murray,” Premier Mike Rann said.

“It makes sense given the current national water crisis and debate and the challenges we face in South Australia to bring together ministerial responsibility for both the River Murray and SA Water.

“She will work in collaboration with Gail Gago, the Minister for Environment and Conservation on managing the environmental aspects of our state’s water resources.

“Paul Caica takes on the extra responsibilities of Science and Information Economy, which is being transferred from Karlene Maywald, allowing her to focus on the important issue of Water Security.

“The administration of SA Water has been transferred from Michael Wright to the new portfolio of Water Security.

“I would like to recognise Government Enterprises Minister Michael Wright and thank him for his efforts in assisting other ministers to develop and implement Water Proofing Adelaide initiatives.

“Minister Wright's responsibilities have expanded with the new Finance portfolio. They include the large Shared Services project which seeks greater efficiencies across the whole of government.

“The portfolio of Science and Information Economy will go to Minister Paul Caica who has responsibility for Employment, Training and Further Education.

“Bringing these portfolios together under one Minister makes sense given our training, higher education and science push.”