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STRONG COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON WATER PLAN

SA Water has received more than 600 responses from community members across Yorke Peninsula providing feedback about the region's future water security.

SA Water Head of Regional Operations Rob Dowling says the feedback provided valuable information from those people who know the region better than anyone else - the local community.

"The issues and ideas which relate specifically to the mains water supply system will be used in developing a long term water security plan for the region," Mr Dowling says.

"It's pleasing to see the community showing a strong interest in developing a long term plan for their own area.

"Through the feedback process about 130 community members indicated they would like to be involved in the planning process, which is an excellent response. These people will be invited to participate in community information forums in coming months.

"This positive response shows a high level of interest in water across Yorke Peninsula and the key points raised will feature in the upcoming community forums."

Mr Dowling says forums will be held in Yorketown, Minlaton, Maitland, Kadina and Adelaide during May this year and all those who have registered interest will receive invitations to attend.

"The forums will provide the opportunity for the community to express their views about the mains water supply system and general water security issues," Mr Dowling says.

"Interested stakeholders will also receive information about possible future supply options being considered by SA Water to meet the projected growth of the region."

Members of the reference group met yesterday to discuss the feedback received from the community and the investigations underway into the three supply systems - Upper Paskeville, Warooka and Lower Paskeville.

SA Water is currently working with the reference group to prepare a draft Long Term Plan for the region's three supply systems to ensure SA Water's potable supply can meet demand over the next 30 years.

It is anticipated that a draft long term plan will be available by the middle of this year.

Members of the Yorke Peninsula community that would like to participate in the information forums and haven't already registered can call the SA Water Customer Contact Centre on 1800 812 362 or email ypltp@sawater.com.au to register their interest.