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FUTURE WATER DEMAND PLANNING FOR YORKE PENINSULA

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald says work is under way on long-term water security planning for the Yorke Peninsula to facilitate future growth and development in the region.

“The plan will identify current issues and future potential water security measures over the next 30 years and ensure SA Water’s potable supply system can meet demand,” she said.

“The plan will focus on the Lower Paskeville, Warooka and Upper Paskeville supply systems and will account for a range of factors, including the environment, population projections, economic change and social needs.”

An External Project Reference Group was recently established to have input to the long-term planning process. It comprises representatives from SA Water and the:

- District Council of Yorke Peninsula,
- Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board,
- Yorke Regional Development Board, and
- Murray Darling Association (Region 8).

“The reference group will oversee the development of the Yorke Peninsula long-term plan and provide advice, local knowledge, ideas and comments on the draft plan once it has been developed.

“The work of this group will be invaluable in identifying key issues and helping find long-term water security options for the region.

“SA Water will work closely with the District Council of the Copper Coast to ensure a complete view of the Yorke Peninsula area is captured in the plan.”

District Council of Yorke Peninsula acting chief executive Ricki Bruhn says he is looking forward to community input in the planning process.

“One of the important aspects to developing a long-term plan is seeking the community’s view,” Mr Bruhn said.

“YP residents interested in the region’s long-term water security will have the opportunity to raise issues and receive information about the plan through a community engagement process.

“The District Council of Yorke Peninsula will work closely with SA Water and reference group members to help develop a long-term plan which ensures the region’s future water security.”

It is anticipated a draft plan will be complete by late next year.