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ADELAIDE'S RESERVOIR DATA TO GO NATION-WIDE UNDER \$132,000 UPGRADE

SA Water has received a \$132,000 grant to upgrade the Adelaide reservoir data monitoring systems, with more accurate and detailed information to become available Australia-wide by next year.

The funding is part of the second round of the Australian Government's *Modernisation and Extension of Hydrologic Monitoring Systems Program*, an initiative being run by the Bureau of Meteorology to expand the amount of water information available to Australia's public.

SA Water Head of Regional Operations Rob Dowling says the grant will allow SA Water to provide more accurate and detailed information from some of Adelaide's major storages.

"Once the upgrades are complete we will have an improved ability to measure reservoir levels, flows, height and temperatures in these major storages," Mr Dowling said.

"The new water monitoring technology we are installing with this funding will increase the accuracy of data we collect and improve the daily management of Adelaide's metropolitan water supply systems.

"The grant has been invested into updating water recording stations at Mount Bold, Millbrook, Myponga and Kangaroo Creek reservoirs and a new water monitoring station will be built at the inlet of Little Para Reservoir."

Bureau of Meteorology Manager, Water Standards and Policy, Alan Baker says the grant is part of the \$80 million, 5-year program, which will assist water information collectors named in the Water Regulations 2008, to modernise and extend their water monitoring and management systems.

"These monitoring upgrades will allow data to be made available to the Australian public through the Bureau's Australian Water Resources Information System (AWRIS) which will be launched in early 2010.

"The Bureau is working closely with water utilities across the nation to enhance the accuracy, currency and coverage of water information available.

"Through grants such as this, there will be significant improvements to the quality of water data collected nationwide by more than 200 organisations, all of which is essential to effectively manage Australia's scarce water resources."



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