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WATERING HOURS TO CHANGE WITH END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald says watering times under the current enhanced Level 3 restrictions will change on Sunday, April 5, with the end of daylight saving.

The current restrictions and the new watering times are:

- Dripper systems and hand-held hoses fitted with a trigger nozzle can be used for a maximum of three hours at the following times:
 - **Even numbered houses:** Tuesday and Saturday, 7am to 10am or 4pm to 7pm.
 - **Odd numbered houses:** Wednesday and Sunday, 7am to 10am or 4pm to 7pm.
- Watering cans and buckets can be used on any day/time (no change). Sprinklers and other watering systems remain banned.

Under the change to watering hours, elderly and disabled permit holders will continue to be able to use a hand-held hose (fitted with a trigger nozzle) between 6am and 10am and 4pm to midnight on any day.

“The new times reflect the change in daylight hours as the cooler months approach,” she said.

“Inflows into the Mt Lofty Ranges and Murray-Darling Basin reservoirs continue to track at extreme drought levels, and recent information from the Bureau of Meteorology indicates we could see drier than normal conditions throughout the State over the next three months. This means we need to continue our vigilant water savings.

“The level of water restrictions will continue to be reviewed on a monthly basis. South Australians are doing a fantastic job in reducing water use.

“For the year to date, Adelaide has used about 45,000 megalitres of water. This is a 29% saving when compared to the extreme drought year of 2002, when for the same period we used 63,911 ML.

“Not only this, but the South Australian community has demonstrated its willingness to save water around their homes by taking up \$14 million in rebates for water efficient products.

“This is a fantastic effort and I would like to thank all South Australians on their water saving efforts.”

Eyre Peninsula has been subject to specific water restrictions since December 2002 and these remain. All other areas served by SA Water are covered by Permanent Water Conservation Measures – for example, the South East and Kangaroo Island.

