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# **PLANNING BEGINS FOR MURRAY BRIDGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE**

Planning is underway to upgrade the Murray Bridge Wastewater Treatment Plant to help cater for future growth in the city.

SA Water Chief Operating Officer John Ringham says Murray Bridge has grown considerably since the city's current plant was commissioned during the 1970s and further predicted population growth would increase demand on the existing treatment facility.

"As part of its forward planning, we are considering the potential impacts an increasing Murray Bridge population may have on the current wastewater infrastructure," Mr Ringham says.

"Forecasts indicate Murray Bridge will continue to grow and we now need to develop options to ensure we can meet the city's wastewater demands heading into the future.

"Some of the options include upgrading the current facility or constructing a new plant at a different location.

"Later this year we will begin consultation with key stakeholders to gain an understanding of the areas of importance to the Murray Bridge community which need to be considered in developing a preferred option.

"We want to ensure the new facility not only meets the town's future requirements, but it also addresses the needs of the local community.

"It is anticipated that a preferred option will have been identified by mid-2011 and a new facility could be operational within five years."