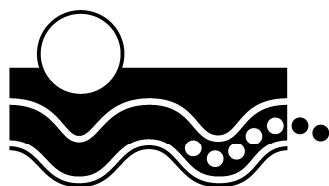


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WEST TORRENS COUNCIL SIGNS UP AS GAP PIPELINE CUSTOMER

The City of West Torrens today signed up to become a customer for recycled water sourced from the Commonwealth and State-funded \$76.25 million Glenelg to Adelaide Parkland pipeline.

Minister for Water Paul Caica says the 32-kilometre pipeline carries high-quality treated wastewater from the SA Water's Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant to irrigate parklands and public spaces.

Mr Caica acknowledged West Torrens Council had been at the forefront in promoting the GAP pipeline concept as a way of tapping into recycled water sourced from SA Water's Glenelg treatment plant.

"Given its early role, it is only fitting then that West Torrens Council should be one of the first customers to sign up to take water from GAP pipeline project to maintain their parks and gardens," Mr Caica says.

"This agreement between SA Water and the City of West Torrens will provide the council with an alternative source of water to keep parks and gardens at a standard expected by the community."

City of West Torrens Mayor John Trainer says the council is very pleased with the outcome of negotiations with SA Water that has led to the signing of this supply contract.

"The pipeline carrying recycled water from the Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant to irrigate the Adelaide city parklands was first proposed by West Torrens Council," Mayor Trainer says.

"Tapping into the Glenelg to Adelaide Parklands Pipeline will mean our reliance on mains water will be substantially reduced.

"Keeping our parks and reserves green for our community has been a challenge during the past few years, but we're confident this agreement with SA Water will help alleviate some of those issues.

"This supply contract will provide us with a valuable resource to help keep our city green."

Council Chief Executive Officer Terry Buss said Richmond Oval is to be the first facility able to use high-quality recycled water from the GAP pipeline.

"Richmond Oval is the largest user of mains water for irrigation in the Council area," Mr Buss says.

In addition to irrigating Richmond Oval, Council is investigating rolling pipelines from the GAP network to the West Torrens Memorial Gardens at Hilton, the Western Youth Centre at Cowandilla, the Mile End Common and other reserves at North Plympton, Netley and Novar Gardens.

"During this time of enhanced level three water restrictions, the City of West Torrens, like everyone else, is looking at the most efficient ways to irrigate lawns and recreation areas," Mr Buss says.

"By using water from the GAP pipeline, Council can expect to reduce its mains water consumption by up to 20 per cent."