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AUGMENTATION CHARGES REVISED FOR ARDROSSAN ALLOTMENTS

SA Water has revised the water supply augmentation charges for new allotments in the Ardrossan area to assist residential growth in the town.

The State Government has this month approved a revised augmentation charge of \$10,900 for the Ardrossan and Tiddy Widdy Beach areas for the first 100 allotments created.

SA Water Head of Regional Operations Rob Dowling said SA Water had worked with the District Council of Yorke Peninsula in revising the augmentation charge to make it more affordable for local developers to be able to move ahead with regional growth projects.

“It’s pleasing to see recent collaborative work with the District Council of Yorke Peninsula has allowed us to find a positive solution for the region,” Mr Dowling said.

“Through our work with council and potential developers, we have been able to review the augmentation charge and restructure the way it is now applied, while still ensuring our ability to deliver necessary infrastructure for development.

“Collaboratively, we have found a solution which offers SA Water confidence that sufficient development will be undertaken to support the cost for construction of a new pipeline to service the new developments.”

Under the new scheme the augmentation charge for the first 100 residential allotments will be \$10,900. Subsequent applications beyond the first 100 received will incur the existing charge of \$16,608.

A minimum commitment of at least 60 new allotments must be paid for before SA Water will clear any development applications.

Construction of a new pipeline will be deferred until there is sufficient actual demand.

The two-step charge scheme for Ardrossan came into effect on 29 June 2009.

In accordance with the annual augmentation charge indexation increase, both fees will be adjusted on 30 June 2010.