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## MEDIA RELEASE

# SHORT-TERM TESTING OF BORE SYSTEM BEGINS

Mount Gambier's water supply network will have bore water introduced for up to 2 hours each week until mid-2008 as part of an SA Water testing program.

However, SA Water South East Service Delivery Manager Andy McPharlin said it was unlikely any water users would notice a difference to the supply as the bore water would be shandied with existing supply for only a short period of time.

"These are very brief tests each week - just once a week - to make sure our back-up infrastructure is working well," Mr McPharlin said.

"Earlier this year we undertook successful testing of the back-up bores to ensure they could operate to capacity for an extended period of time and with high levels of pumping.

"While this initial testing is now complete, it's important we continue our scaled back program to ensure the back-up system is performing well.

"We will place a public notice in the local newspaper each month reminding the community of the project."

This essential testing is taking place to ensure the bores will be able to operate at capacity when SA Water upgrades the Blue Lake pumping infrastructure in mid-2008. These works are due to take place during the middle of next year and will take about three months to complete.

SA Water will advise all of its Mount Gambier customers before the Blue Lake infrastructure upgrade begins and their water supply changes.