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MEDIA RELEASE

CHANGE TO WATER QUALITY FOR MURRAY BRIDGE CUSTOMERS

SA Water customers in Murray Bridge may notice a change to the taste and odour of their water due to recently discovered elevated levels of naturally occurring Methylisoborneol (MIB) at SA Water's Murray Bridge Water Treatment Plant.

MIB is generated naturally by some forms of algae in the River Murray, but it does NOT pose a health risk to our customers.

SA Water Outer Metro Service Delivery Manager Steve Rose says while customers may notice a change to the taste and odour of their water, it is still safe to drink and bathe in.

“We know the water from the Murray Bridge Water Treatment Plant is still perfectly safe to drink and we are working with the plant operators to make every effort to minimise taste and odour impacts on the town's water supply,” Mr Rose says.

“Our Murray Bridge customers can be reassured that we are working hard to minimise the impacts, but since we can't control the quality of the water in the River Murray, it is likely that the problem may persist for some time.”

The area serviced by the Murray Bridge Water Treatment Plant includes Murray Bridge, Monarto and the surrounding country lands.

“We have advised the Department of Health of the elevated MIB levels and it has confirmed the situation poses no health risk,” Mr Rose says.

“SA Water will continue to keep customers updated on the situation and anyone with concerns should contact our Customer Service Centre on 1300 650 950.”