Newsletter Update - April 2018 Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme



The scheme's focus is to transform the region into a national leader in intensive, high-tech food production, enabling South Australia to be competitive in the export market, as well as driving employment growth and attracting new skills and talent into the state.

Construction Begins

The construction of the NAIS infrastructure began at Bolivar last month, with bulk earth works and pipe laying. With the help of favourable weather conditions, our contractor Leed Engineering are on track to install 1500m of the new trunk main by the end of this month.

NAIS Infrastructure

To enable the delivery of the additional recycled water, upgrades to the Bolivar Wastewater Treatment Plant, construction of a large transfer main from Bolivar, a distribution network and recycled water storage is required.

NAIS infrastructure will be separate from the existing Virginia Pipeline Scheme (VPS) which already supplies recycled water to Virginia and surrounds.

Pipe Alignment

SA Water is in the final stages of confirming the proposed alignment of the new transfer main and will soon commence engaging with properties along the alignment and surrounding community.

Above-ground Storage

A number of locations in the Northern Adelaide Plains have been identified as "suitable" for the proposed above-ground (earth bank) storages. Approval was sought from the landowners to undertake initial geotechnical investigations and soil sampling at each of these sites last month.

The findings of these activities will inform the suitability of these locations with further analysis to occur over the next few weeks. These locations have been cross-checked with the community developed "SA Water Guidelines for Recycled Water Storage in the Northern Adelaide Plains".

Engagement with the surrounding landowners of each of these potential sites has commenced and the feedback received will inform a preferred location for the earth bank storage.

Call for Project Proposals

The Call for Project Proposals has now closed. Submissions are being assessed against criteria by a cross-government evaluation team. This ensures equity for applicants and supports the project objectives and requirements set by funding contributors.

However, the door is still open for businesses seeking access to NAIS water. Registration of Interest forms are available at <u>www.sawater.com.au/nais</u>



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