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Eyre Peninsula desalination project update

Development Application approved

The Development Application for the Eyre Peninsula desalination plant at Billy Lights Point has been approved by government, subject to satisfying a range of conditions. This is a significant step forward in ensuring long-term water security for the region.

The approval follows extensive reviews and assessments by various government agencies and regulators.

Once operational, the desalination plant will provide a reliable, climate-independent water source for the Eyre Peninsula, supplementing the Uley South groundwater supply and ensuring water security for the region into the future.

Water security

In addition to progressing the desalination plant as the solution to water security for the region, SA Water has recently released our EP Water Security Response Plan, which includes moving to level 2, voluntary water-wise measures.

This encourages our customers to adopt more efficient water use practices and save water

As part of the water security response plan, eligible customers on the Eyre Peninsula will be able to access rebates for selected water efficient appliances and fixtures, helping to reduce water consumption both inside and outside the home.

The water security response plan takes a responsible approach to preparing for all scenarios to maintain water supply to our 35,000 local customers until the desalination plant is operational.

For further information
visit: sawater.com.au/EPwatersecurity

Construction stages and timelines

With development approval granted, we are ready to proceed with some initial works, which are expected to begin before Christmas. These initial works include:

- Fence installation
- Rubbish removal from the site
- Site investigations.

Once approval for native vegetation clearance is obtained, further works will occur early next year. This will include:

- Localised vegetation clearance
- Construction of access roads to the sites.

Further details, dates and times for these activities will be shared via WaterTalks and directly with people who have subscribed for project updates. To stay informed, subscribe at watertalks.sawater.com.au/getthefacts

The majority of the initial works will take place Monday to Saturday, between 7:30am and 5:00pm, weather permitting.

Community engagement

Community engagement remains a key focus, and we are committed to working closely with all stakeholders and the community to ensure the desalination plant is delivered with minimal impact to the surrounding environment.



Billy Lights Point

Stay updated

You can find up-to-date project information on WaterTalks, including timelines, videos, research reports and Project Reference Group meeting minutes.

You can also visit us at the Project Information Centre at 6/50 Liverpool Street in Port Lincoln. Our opening hours are Tuesday 10am to 5pm, Wednesday 12:00pm to 6:00pm and Thursday 8:00am to 3:00pm.

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