

Desalination plant contractor announced

Acciona has been awarded the contract for the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) phase of the Eyre Peninsula desalination project. Acciona will be undertaking further investigations at the proposed desalination plant location of Billy Lights Point over the coming months to support SA Water in developing the detailed design of land and marine infrastructure as part of the project.

Environmental and marine studies continue

A range of marine and environmental assessments are continuing to help determine the best location and design for the desalination plant and other connecting infrastructure. These include:

Marine assessments

- current and tide surveying
- hydrodynamic mid-field and near-field modelling
- bathymetry and marine geophysics surveying
- site specific habitat mapping
- fish surveying
- ecotoxicity testing
- sediment assessment testing.

Terrestrial (land) assessments

- seasonal orchid survey
- noise monitoring
- geotechnical investigations
- traffic and access assessments

- visual amenity assessments
- coastal and shoreline bird surveys
- cultural heritage assessment and survey.

Current project timeline *

June – December 2023	January – February 2024	February 2024	March – June 2024
Further investigations on site and design development	Finalising design ahead of Development Application lodgement	Lodge the Development Application with State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP)	Community engagement and agency referral period controlled through SCAP

*Durations post lodgement of the Development Application are controlled by SCAP

Project Information Centre update

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