

Eyre Peninsula desalination project update

New bird perches in wetlands near Greyhound Road

We are pleased to report that new bird perches in the wetlands off Greyhound Road are being used by local wildlife.

The perches were installed as an environmental measure while our contractor Leed worked to complete the 7km transfer pipeline along Greyhound Road. They provide local ospreys and other bird species with safe perching spaces, and will remain in the wetlands now that construction of the pipeline and road upgrades are complete.

The pipeline is a key component of the desalination project, as it will take fresh, desalinated water from Billy Lights Point to the Northside Hill tanks, where it will enter our existing infrastructure and supply the Eyre Peninsula.

Thanks to the local Friends of Osprey group and the City of Port Lincoln for collaborating with us to support and protect local bird species during construction, and into the future.



Local wildlife making good use of the new bird perches.

Marine infrastructure continues

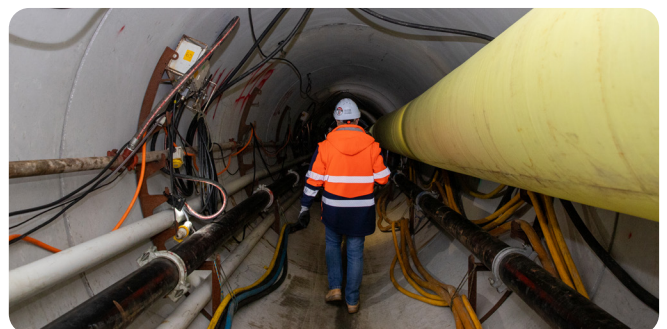
Construction of marine infrastructure, including the intake and outfall pipes, is ongoing.

Marine infrastructure is a major component of the desalination project, and as we have previously shared, hard layers of granite rock below the seafloor caused slower progress on tunnel construction, making the overall time to build the tunnel longer than expected. This means the project's first water target of late 2026 is being revised, and we continue to work closely with our contract partners to update the delivery timeframe – we will share more information as it becomes available.

Any schedule changes will not negatively impact the EP drinking water security or require the introduction of water restrictions, as our groundwater allocation for 2026-27 is sufficient to meet customer demand.



Work continues on the marine infrastructure.



Marine infrastructure includes intake and outfall pipes.

Mariners to avoid exclusion zones

To support marine infrastructure construction, a small amount of dredging has already been completed, with some further works required. McConnell Dowell is carrying out this activity, using methods designed to minimise sediment disturbance and protect the surrounding marine environment.

All dredging is being undertaken in line with an EPA-approved dredge management plan. Throughout the program, water-quality buoys will monitor conditions, and a marine fauna observer will maintain continuous visual checks.

Dredging is occurring within the vessel exclusion zone, east of Billy Lights Point. Mariners must avoid these areas and follow all buoy markers and navigation signage.

There are signs with more information at Billy Lights and Axel Stenross boat ramps.

Plant progress

The final delivery of equipment for the plant has arrived, adding to the busy construction site off Saint Andrews Drive.

Our partner Acciona has effectively managed to overcome challenging global supply chain conditions and is progressing well with construction of the plant.

Crews are continuing with structural works, mechanical installation and electrical works. In wet weather, crews have been sweeping Saint Andrews Drive three times a week to keep the road clean, and have installed a new wash out bay to remove mud from vehicles before leaving the site.



We're making progress on construction of the desalination plant.

Catch us at an upcoming event

Thank you to every member of the community who visited us at the Port Lincoln Show and the Eyre Peninsula Field Days.

It was a great opportunity to connect and provide updates on water security and the desalination project's progress. We also shared information about rebates for water efficient fixtures and appliances — the rebate offer has been extended to 31 December 2026.

Look out for us at upcoming events, including the Wudinna Show and Ceduna Oysterfest.



Our team at the recent Field Days - catch us at an upcoming event.

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