

Eyre Peninsula desalination project update

Early works update

Early works at the desalination plant site are steadily advancing. We are preparing for the next stage of construction which will involve major works, including the construction of the desalination plant itself, installation of key infrastructure and the transfer pipeline from the desalination plant to the Northside Hill tanks. This phase will see more intensive building and installation activities which will lay the groundwork for full operation.

Perimeter fencing is now fully in place to secure the site and manage access, while vegetation clearing continues to facilitate the access track to the marine intake pump station, as well as clearing along the terrestrial pipeline and the transfer pipeline alignment from the desalination plant to the Northside Hill tanks. New access gates have been installed to improve site control, and planning is underway to complete the new entry point from St Andrews Drive at Port Lincoln to support more efficient site access for our people.

At our existing wastewater treatment plant site, vegetation removal has begun, and earthworks are progressing to establish temporary site office and amenities at the marine intake pump station to support our construction teams.



Spreading the water security message across the Eyre Peninsula

We know that water security continues to be of interest on the Eyre Peninsula. Our Water Security and Futures team remains actively engaged with local communities, providing regular updates on our [Water Security Response Plan](#) for the region, water efficiency measures and the desalination project.

In Port Lincoln, the team recently attended the Mortlock Shield, where they had valuable conversations about water-saving measures and long-term water solutions with people from across the Eyre Peninsula.

They also hosted our fourth Primary Producer Roundtable, engaging farmers and industry representatives to discuss practical ways to implement water-saving practices within the agricultural sector.

These ongoing efforts are focused on engaging the community, encouraging water-saving initiatives, and supporting the long-term sustainability of the region's water resources.

Community groups interested in hosting a presentation are welcome to email us at EyrePeninsulaWaterSecurity@sawater.com.au. To learn more, you can also visit sawater.com.au/EPwatersecurity.

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Connecting to the electricity network

To connect the desalination plant to the local electricity distribution network, SA Power Networks is trenching to install underground cables from the Port Lincoln city substation to its Billy Lights Point location.

After moving down Tennant Street, across Mortlock Terrace to Verran Terrace, works have now started on the corner of Verran Terrace and Windsor Avenue. To avoid significant disruption to traffic, this work is occurring overnight, between 6pm and 6am, with traffic detours in place.

For the safety of our crews and people travelling through the area, traffic management, including rolling lane closures and speed reductions, will be in place during these works, with access to local homes and businesses maintained.

SA Power Networks expects to conduct directional boring underneath the rail corridor from Tennant Street (near Liquorland) through to Verran Terrace from Monday, July 7.

Trenching at the intersection of Windsor Avenue and Stamford Terrace, and along Windsor Avenue near Navigator College, is planned during the next school holidays (5 to 20 July) to mitigate disruption to school traffic.

For any questions about the SA Power Networks work, please visit sapowernetworks.com.au.



Project hosts engineers as part of workforce transition program

As part of the SkillSmart Engineer Your Future program, our Stakeholder Engagement team recently hosted a group of internationally trained engineers at our Eyre Peninsula Desalination project office. The program, supported by the Department of State Development, helps skilled migrant engineers transition into the workforce by showcasing regional opportunities and fostering connections with potential employers.

The highly qualified participants were privy to a presentation about the desalination project, including engineering solutions required to ensure the plant offers long-term reliability and efficiency, while balancing environmental considerations.



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We would like to ensure you remain up to date with information about the construction activities, when they are occurring and what to expect.



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If you have any questions or would like to discuss these works in more detail, please contact us directly



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