

Eyre Peninsula desalination project update

Construction moves ahead at desalination plant

Roadworks on Saint Andrews Drive are now complete, and this means traffic delays have eased, with vehicles moving more freely to and from Billy Lights Point.

The new entrance to the desalination plant site, complete with signage, is back in use as the main access point, with the security hut and barriers guiding traffic.

Backfilling around interconnecting pipework continues, and the terrestrial pipeline is now about two-thirds complete.

Other activities underway include pipework installation, electrical works such as conduit installation in and around the switch room, and the reconfiguration of the dewatering system.

Acciona, our lead contractor, continues to manage a busy site with hundreds of workers contributing to the progress of the construction project each day.



An aerial view of construction works on the desalination plant site.

Greyhound Road opens to the public

The community now has access to Greyhound Road.

The reinstated road has been widened and is now suitable for all weather use by the public. While this makes it easier to reach Murray's Point, please take care around the newly planted vegetation in the area.

Leed, the contractor responsible for the 7 kilometre transfer pipeline, have now removed equipment from the site. A small amount of fencing work remains and is expected to be completed soon.

All roads and kerbs along the project route from Billy Lights Point through to Northside Hill have now been reinstated.

Thank you to the community for your patience while these works were completed.



Reinstated Greyhound Road looking towards North Side Hill.

Marine infrastructure update

Marine tunnelling continues, and marine barges are currently anchored offshore.

The barges are in place in preparation for a small amount of dredging, which needs approval and a licence from the South Australian Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Once we have secured EPA approval, this work will be undertaken — it is required to enable installation of intake and outfall pipes.

This activity means a small section of the Parnkalla Trail will be temporarily closed from 29 June to 3 July. The trail will be closed from the Billy Lights Point carpark to the southern end of the trail to allow works to be carried out safely.

Preparation works are also underway near the desalination plant site for the welding and joining of the intake and outfall pipeline, which will later be towed into position once dredging is complete.

SA Power Networks update

An extension of the electricity network from the main city substation to Billy Lights Point continues to move forward, with all power poles along the route now erected.

Trenching at the plant site is complete, and line stringing has finished through the nearby easement. Line stringing has also begun along the Windsor track.

Bird deflectors are now being installed on the overhead lines in the easement — these will help protect local wildlife.

Sharing local job and project insights with EP students

Our team joined Uni Hub's Career Roadshow throughout June, visiting 5 key locations across South Australia, including Port Lincoln.

With interactive displays and activities, students from across the Eyre Peninsula, including those who travelled from as far as Ceduna, had the chance to explore career pathways, apply for jobs, and even enrol in courses on the day.

It was a great opportunity to connect with schools, students and local businesses, helping to promote career opportunities and support growth across the region.

Representatives from our Port Lincoln Depot and Project Delivery Office were on hand to chat about our local workforce, job opportunities, and provide updates on the desalination project.



Stay informed and get in touch

Stay in the loop as our project takes shape. With construction now well underway, it is the perfect time to make sure you and those around you are receiving the latest updates.



Encourage your family, friends, and neighbours to scan the QR code and sign up for construction news, so no one misses out on important project progress.

If you have any questions or would like to chat with someone from our project team, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.



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