

Yorke Peninsula Long Term Plan

Overview and scope

SA Water's Long Term Plan for Yorke Peninsula is an initiative of the South Australian Government, to ensure that the SA Water drinking water supply system has sufficient capacity to enable growth and development over the next 30 years. The plan will focus on the Upper Paskeville, Warooka and Lower Paskeville water supply systems.

In developing the plan we will:

- analyse the current status of the water resource and bulk systems
- develop population projections and associated future demand using development, population growth and average water consumption data
- allow for environmental and sustainability issues including climate variability and climate change
- consider potential impacts of various demand management initiatives on the drinking water system
- engage with stakeholders and communities to establish social needs.

Water infrastructure options will be identified and a preferred option/s selected to augment the water supply to satisfy customer requirements into the future if, or when, required.

The plan will take into account and encourage water conservation projects (such as stormwater harvesting). These initiatives will continue to be promoted and initiated by local government and relevant State Government agencies.

Community engagement

An External Project Reference Group has been established to oversee the development of the plan. This group includes representatives of the District Council of Yorke Peninsula, the Yorke Regional Development Board, the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board and SA Water. The External Project Reference Group will provide a link between the plan and local stakeholders to work collaboratively towards ongoing water security for Yorke Peninsula.

The District Council of the Copper Coast is being engaged in the planning process to enable SA Water and the council to highlight and address issues specific to their area.

There is also opportunity for the Yorke Peninsula community to have input to the planning process. A feedback form is included in this information pack for you to identify any issues that you would like considered in the development of the plan as they relate to the drinking water supply and future demand in the region. Comments can also be emailed to ypntp@sawater.com.au. Please return completed feedback forms by **Friday, 27 March 2009**.

Long Term Plan schedule

The planning process will include the following key steps:

- Community feedback invited / issues identification
- Initial Long Term Plan options developed
- Draft report prepared

It is anticipated that the final report will be produced in late 2009.

Further information

If you would like to discuss the planning process further please contact the SA Water Customer Call Centre on **1800 812 362** or email ypntp@sawater.com.au.