

Landscape South Australia Act 2019 (SA)

**Notice of a prescribed levy proposal pursuant to section 51(5)(a) of the
*Landscape South Australia Act 2019***

Pursuant to section 51(5)(a) of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (the Act) I, Caroline Schaefer, Chair, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, hereby give notice of the intention to introduce a new water levy in the Central Adelaide Prescribed Wells Area.

The proposal is pursuant to section 51(4)(g) of the Act.

The proposal is:

- to introduce an annual Division 2 Landscape Water Levy (water levy) on water licences in the Central Adelaide Prescribed Wells Area,
- to set the levy at \$6.50/ML of water allocated with capacity to be annually adjusted for inflation in line with the Consumer Price Index and
- that the levy will apply from 1 July 2023.

The application of a water levy is consistent with the pricing principles under the *National Water Initiative (NWI) (2004)*. The NWI outlines principles for the recovery of costs for water management activities, including partial recovery of costs from water users. In prescribed areas in South Australia, water levies provide a mechanism for water users to contribute to these costs. Water levies are raised in other prescribed areas in South Australia under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*.

Funds raised through the levy would assist the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board in the delivery of a range of natural resource management outcomes and programs, including supporting the implementation of the Adelaide Plains Water Allocation Plan.

The levy would not initially be applied to allocations to extract water that has previously been drained or discharged to an aquifer.

Feedback is invited on the proposal to introduce the levy, its rate and commencement date. Please visit <https://www.greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/get-involved/proposed-water-levy> for additional information and guidance on how you can provide your feedback.

Alternatively you can send your written feedback directly to the Team Leader Water Allocation Planning, Green Adelaide, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA, 5001 or via email at dew.greenadelaide@sa.gov.au. Submissions will be accepted up to and including 5 pm Monday 26 September 2022.

Dated this the 2nd.day of September 2022.

Caroline V. Schaefer

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Chair
Northern and Yorke Landscape Board