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### FILTERED MURRAY WATER FOR MORE REGIONAL COMMUNITIES

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald says 17 South Australian communities are receiving filtered water from the River Murray for the first time under a \$54 million State Government water quality project.

Minister Maywald said nine new water treatment plants and six pipelines were constructed near the Murray in regional South Australia through Stage 3 of the Country Water Quality Improvement Program.

“The first pipeline - from the existing Mount Pleasant plant to the Tungkillo township - came online in October 2007 and the remaining water treatment plants and pipelines began taking water last month,” she said.

“SA Water customers in these communities will start to notice an improved taste, smell and colour of the water when they turn on their taps as they begin to receive the newly filtered water.

“Originally the project was set to be complete by the end of 2008 but late in 2006, the State Government announced it would be fast-tracked so communities could receive filtered water at the start of 2008, in case of water quality issues in the Murray brought on by drought.

“Today I’m pleased to say we have delivered on this challenge and now the Riverland and Murraylands communities are receiving higher quality drinking water.

“The amount of work that has gone into completing this project under tight timeframes has been extensive. I am proud of the efforts of those involved and the support of local communities to enable it to occur so quickly.”

Towns now receiving filtered water as part of the CWQIP Stage 3 include:

- **Tungkillo:** Pipeline from existing water treatment plant at Mount Pleasant which operates using a process called MIEX® (for more information see [www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au))
- **Kanmantoo and Callington:** New water treatment plant in Kanmantoo will supply both towns.
- **Swan Reach:** New water treatment plant to supply town.
- **Cadell:** New water treatment plant to supply town.
- **Blanchetown:** New water treatment plant to supply town.
- **Palmer:** New water treatment plant to supply town.
- **Mannum Country Lands:** Pipeline from new WTP in Palmer.
- **Moorook:** New water treatment plant to supply town.
- **Kingston-on-Murray:** Pipeline from new WTP in Moorook.
- **Cowirra and Neeta:** Both communities supplied by new water treatment plant
- **Pompoota:** Pipeline from new WTP in Cowirra-Neeta.

- **Mypolonga:** New water treatment plant to supply town.
- **Wall Flat:** Pipeline from new WTP in Mypolonga.
- **Glossop:** New water treatment plant to supply town.
- **Monash:** Pipeline from new WTP in Glossop.

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