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KANGAROO ISLAND LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Restrictions on Kangaroo Island will be eased following reduced water use and healthy inflows into the Middle River reservoir.

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald says from February 1, Kangaroo Island will be subject to the permanent water conservation measures initially introduced in 2003.

“The western parts of Kangaroo Island received healthy rainfall in the latter part of last year and by the end of 2007 the Middle River reservoir was at 442 megalitres – slightly below the full supply capacity of 450ML,” Minister Maywald said.

“SA Water forecasts for the remainder of 2007-08 indicate permanent water conservation measures will be sufficient to continue supplying the Kangaroo Island community.

“Islanders are also to be congratulated on their efforts to save water, with consumption figures for July to December 2007 showing a reduction of about 25 percent on the same period for 2006.

“So far this financial year consumption from the Middle River Reservoir has been about 219ML – about 7pc below the 5-year rolling average consumption of 235ML.”

Total Kangaroo Island consumption figures for SA Water customers for the July to December periods in the past five years are:

- 2007 - 241.01 ML
- 2006 - 329.56 ML
- 2005 - 225.38 ML
- 2004 - 256.22 ML
- 2003 - 246.73 ML

“This shows the Kangaroo Island community has been working to adhere to restrictions and reduce their water use,” Minister Maywald said.

Under permanent water conservation measures sprinklers may be used only before 10am or after 6pm on any day during daylight saving. Hand-held hoses, buckets and watering cans and drip irrigation systems can be used at any time.

For more information on permanent water conservation measures and how to save water visit www.sawater.com.au.