

REFLOWS Project – Extension of Date for Public Submissions



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The Chair of the Upper South East (USE) Program Board, Mr Roger Wickes, has announced an extension of the closing date for community submissions to the Upper South East of South Australia (REFLOWS) Project proposal.

Mr Roger Wickes said “The USE Program Board is extremely pleased with the community response at Public Consultation and Stakeholder Sessions held during February. We believe the Sessions have assisted in the understanding of the REFLOWS proposal, and provided an excellent forum to gain additional information and the opportunity to make comment.

“It has also given the Program Board an opportunity to hear the views of stakeholders and local community. Due to the high level of interest in the proposed REFLOWS Project, the Board has extended the submission closing date until 4 April 2008. It is hoped that this will ensure that all those interested in making a submission will have the opportunity to do so”.

Mr Wickes said that the release of nine specialist papers provided a summary of the latest knowledge on what are considered to be the most important topics relating to the proposed project and these had been a catalyst for community comment. A tenth (overview) paper - the Program Board’s REFLOWS Position Paper had also been developed and released.

The aim of the REFLOWS Project is the partial restoration of historic fresh surface water flows from the Lower South East to improve the health of stressed wetlands and watercourses in the Upper South East. It will target key wetland systems in the Marcollat Watercourse, the southern, central and northern portions of the Bakers Range Watercourse, the West Avenue Watercourse and, in very high flow events, the southern lagoon of the Coorong, a Ramsar-listed Wetland of International importance.

The Board’s nine background papers, a summary of the background papers and the position paper are available from the Board’s website at www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/land/programs/use/index.

The Board is accepting written submissions on the REFLOWS project until
4 April 2008. Submissions should be addressed to:

The Upper South East Program Board
REFLOWS Project Submissions
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GPO Box 2834
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Following consideration by the Board of the submissions made during the consultation phase, options for delivering the REFLOWS project will be considered by the Minister for Environment and Conservation.

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