

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION

Establishment of Stormwater Management Authority

- The *Local Government (Stormwater Management) Amendment Act 2007* came into operation on 1 July 2007. This establishes the Stormwater Management Authority and new financing and governance arrangements for stormwater management and flood mitigation throughout South Australia.
- The members of the Stormwater Management Authority have now been formally appointed, for 3-year terms from 1 July 2007. The membership of the Authority is:
 - LGA Nominees*
 - Hon Nick Bolkus (Chair)
 - Cr Grant Hudson (City of Mitcham) – representing councils south of the Torrens
 - Mr Colin Pitman (City of Salisbury) - representing councils north of the Torrens
 - Mr David Altmann (Rural City of Murray Bridge) – representing regional councils
 - State Government Nominees*
 - Ms Bronwyn Halliday (Executive Director, Planning SA)
 - Mr Kym Good (General Manager, Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges NRM Board)
 - Mr Rod Hook (Executive Director, Office of Major Projects and Infrastructure, DTEI)
- The new legislation is committed to the Minister for Infrastructure. The Office of Major Projects and Infrastructure in DTEI is providing executive support while DTEI and relevant NRM Boards will assist with assessment of applications.
- The new Authority held its first meeting in late July. The Stormwater Authority is charged with working with councils to facilitate and coordinate catchment stormwater management planning, allocation of State funding to projects in coordination with council and other sources of financing, and facilitating cooperative action by all relevant public authorities in the planning, construction and maintenance of stormwater management works.
- The new framework established by the Stormwater Management Act requires Councils to prepare stormwater management plans on a catchment basis, and to implement infrastructure works in accordance with the catchment plans. In some areas, catchment wide planning is already well advanced.
- Current projects in progress include:
 - Gawler River Flood Mitigation Scheme – construction of dam commenced and design stages proceeding for other components of project – managed by subsidiary established by six councils;
 - Port Road Catchment Stormwater Management Plan – City of Charles Sturt and City of Port Adelaide Enfield – design study commenced – strong water re-use objectives;
 - Brownhill and Keswick Creek Flood Management Plan – five councils have reached agreement on implementation of the Plan and are working towards establishment of a joint subsidiary body to manage the works – works estimated to cost in the order of \$80 – 100 million;
 - Norwood Payneham St Peters – First Creek diversion works- Stages 1 and 2;
 - A number of regional councils are currently undertaking or planning to commence stormwater management plans for cities/ towns in their areas.