

ARTIFICIAL WATER FEATURES IN PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTS

- At the September 2007 meeting, the Forum was advised that a draft document had been developed in relation to “Artificial Water Features in Public Environments – Draft Guidelines for Prevention of Accidental Injury associated with Artificial Water or Altered Water Features in Public Places.” A copy was provided to Forum members.
- This work has been coordinated by Planning SA in collaboration with the Department of Health (Injuries Surveillance Unit) and the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme.
- The Forum was advised that the next step would be to release the document for consultation with Councils and other relevant bodies.
- The consultation process is expected to commence shortly. It is anticipated that the Minister for Urban Development and Planning will write to the relevant bodies inviting comment on the draft guidelines, with submissions/comments to be returned to Planning SA by the end of February 2008 (given the Christmas / January holiday period).
- The Local Government Association will coordinate consultation with Councils on this matter.
- Other organisations to be invited to comment include: Engineers Australia, Association of Consulting Engineers, Royal Life Saving Society Australia, Kidsafe SA, South Australian Water Safety Coordinating Committee, Hickinbotham Group, Delfin Lend Lease, Department of Health and Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme.
- The draft document will be available at the Planning SA website (www.planning.sa.gov.au).
- Following the consultation process, a recommended final document will then be prepared for consideration by Ministers Holloway and Rankine.