



We are currently asking for your feedback on the draft Integrated Water Management Plan, as well as other environmental plans. These plans work together to demonstrate how we will create a clean and green city, where the natural environment is valued and protected.

To read the plans and see what is proposed, visit our community engagement portal, Participate PAE.

To join the conversation you can:

Complete a survey online at
participate.cityofpae.sa.gov.au/now



Speak to staff:

13
June

1 – 3pm,
Saturday
13 June at the
**Get Shady
Giveaway
event** at Parks
Library

21
June

10am – 2pm,
Sunday
21 June at the
**Community
Planting
Day event** at
RB Connolly
Reserve,
North Haven

25
June

7 – 8.30pm,
Thursday
25 June at the
**Community
Feedback
Workshop** at
the Town Hall,
Port Adelaide

27
June

12 – 2pm,
Saturday
27 June at
**Greenacres
Library**

DRAFT Integrated Water Management Plan Summary 2026–31

Share your thoughts about our plan to
transition towards a water sensitive city.

Draft Integrated Water Management Plan at a Glance

Clean and Green City – a city that values its natural environment

As our climate becomes hotter and drier and our population grows, water will only become more important. Integrated water management means planning and managing all parts of the water cycle together, including drinking water, stormwater, wastewater, groundwater and recycled water.

This plan outlines how we will reduce our use of mains water from operations, use diverse fit-for-purpose water supplies, create water-smart landscapes and transition the council towards a water sensitive city.

Water
Security and
Reuse

Flood Resilience

Healthy
Waterways
and Coasts

Healthy
Landscapes

Community
Value

Economic
Prosperity

Supporting
conditions

Water Sensitive City

Diverse Fit-for-Purpose Water

Water-Smart Landscapes

Fragmented water governance and inconsistent decision making increase the risk of inefficient service delivery, duplicated investment and poorer long-term environmental and financial outcomes.

Over-reliance on potable water exposes the council to rising costs and water restrictions, increasing financial and operational risk under a changing climate.

Traditional landscape, drainage and stormwater management approaches increase exposure to climate-related risks, including flooding. Additionally, extreme heat can lead to asset degradation, putting community safety, environmental health and council infrastructure at risk.

- Grow water literacy and leadership
- Embed integrated water management (IWM) across council systems
- Strengthen water project delivery
- Create water sensitive policies and processes

- Improve existing alternative water supplies
- Extend existing alternative water supply networks
- Identify new alternative water supply options
- Improve water efficiency

- Create cooler, greener streets and public spaces
- Deliver water sensitive urban design (WSUD)
- Create healthy wetlands
- Naturalise water channels

- By 2031, 80% of relevant staff will achieve a 'pass' rating or better in the integrated water management literacy training module
- Embed IWM across relevant policies, strategies and operations by 2031

- Increase the percentage of alternative water that makes up the council's water balance from the current baseline of ~20%

- Develop a realistic framework or method for collecting water quality and pollutant data from our wetlands and waterways
- Set a credible water quality target by 2031

IWM is embedded across the council's governance, planning, risk and reporting systems, supported by a skilled workforce with the capability to deliver this as business as usual. This ensures clear accountability, transparent performance reporting and sustained delivery across the life of the plan.

We increase our use of alternative water sources, reducing reliance on drinking water and strengthening water security across all operations.

We have a reliable method for collecting water quality and pollutant data, enabling us to set credible water quality targets and track improvements in our wetlands, waterways and Gulf St Vincent.

Goal

Why it Matters

Outcomes

Focus Areas

Key Drivers

Initiatives

Targets

Outcomes