### **Newsletter to Barossa Infrastructure Customers**

### **Strategic Planning Day Meeting**

For customer information, the 2013 Strategic Planning Meeting notes are attached.

#### **Rebate to Customers**

Customers will shortly receive a rebate of \$134 per Megalitre on the charge for water paid for in the 2012/13 financial year.

The rebate arose from the exceptional demand for water during the previous dry winter, spring and summer. A record quantity of water was delivered in the 12 months to 30 June 2013; in excess of 7,500 ML compared to an average consumption of less than 5,000 ML for the same period in previous years. The supply price of water to customers is largely fixed, with a smaller component varying with the total volume supplied. This is the reason for the unused water charge of 49 cents/ kilolitre (\$490/ ML). The very large volume of water supplied in 2012/13 has resulted in income being generated from water sales in excess of the budgeted amount. Accordingly your Board has returned this unexpected surplus income in the form of a rebate on all water sold during the 12 months to 31 March 2013.

# **SA Water Supply**

Supply of chlorinated water continues from the Stockwell Pipeline. Customers with dams containing fish may find the chlorine causes fish deaths.

### Scheme Expansion

If you have registered an interest in the Scheme expansion you will receive a letter by the end of August asking you to confirm your registration and pay a deposit of \$500 per Megalitre. If you do not receive a letter please contact the office.

We expect to have a final decision on whether to proceed by the end of this year, with water able to be delivered at the start of the 2015 water year (1 October 2014). SA Water has infrastructure upgrades to complete in order to deliver the additional volume requested.

#### **Contact Information**

If you have not recently done so, would you please update your contact information, in particular your email address and fax, email, or post it to the BIL office.

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