



**Coffin Bay Confusion
9 June 2009**

Member for Flinders Liz Penfold has asked a question in Parliament of the Minister for Water 'In'-Security Karlene Maywald, regarding the capacity of the Coffin Bay A Water Lens.

"Despite the Minister in 2005 advising that the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation (DWLBC), SA Water and Eyre Peninsula Water Catchment Management Board were jointly investigating the extent of the Coffin Bay A Lens, we still don't know" she said

Coffin Bay developers continue to be charged (approximately) \$7,000 per block augmentation fee by SA Water *in* case water has to be delivered to the town from the mains systems in the future.

An aerial electromagnetic survey of the lens was completed in September 2006.

In November 2007 SA Water reported the successful drilling of monitoring bores at Coffin Bay.

In 2007/08 we had water being delivered from the already over stretched River Murray to Eyre Peninsula via \$48.5 million pipeline to Kimba.

Now in 2009 we are advised that water resources are in crisis and we are put on Level 3 Water Restrictions despite the Minister saying we wouldn't have restrictions on Eyre Peninsula. A desalination plant is again promised for Eyre Peninsula but with no indication of funding in this budget or in the forward planning.

"Meanwhile we still have not been told what water might be available from Coffin Bay A Lens despite the long wait and millions of dollars spent on investigating water options and a pipeline." Mrs Penfold said.

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