



EYRE PENINSULA SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM FUNDING

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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold said three Partnerships 21 schools on Eyre Peninsula will benefit by more than \$1 million in 2001-02 from the Ecologically Sustainable Development Program.

The schools are Cummins Area School for a waste management project, and Elliston and Streaky Bay Area Schools for water conservation.

Mrs Penfold congratulated the respective communities for working with their schools to achieve these exciting projects.

The schools and projects are:

- Cummins Area School, \$7,510 for a community composting and worm farm initiative to deal with waste management. The project is a partnership with the Lower Eyre Peninsula District Council with both paid and volunteer labour.
- Elliston Area School, \$62,200 towards a total cost of \$278,435 for the Elliston Samphire Flat Project-Stormwater Reuse and Biodiversity Restoration to conserve water. The \$278,435 project is in partnership with the community which will contribute considerable labour and infrastructure.
- Streaky Bay Area School will receive \$78,000 towards the total cost of \$727,120 for a Greywater Reuse community project for water conservation. The project will be undertaken in partnership with the Streaky Bay District Council and other Government Departments.

Mrs Penfold said ecologically sustainable development involves using, conserving and enhancing the community's resources so that the ecological processes upon which life depends are maintained, and total quality of life now and in the future can be increased.

She said the approved projects will give sites the opportunity to achieve ongoing efficiencies in the use of energy, water and other utilities, thereby enabling sites to make savings in the costs of these resources.

She said the criteria against which the Department of Education, Training and Employment assessed proposals were student involvement, community involvement and contributions, and estimated financial outcomes.

"It is exciting that three schools on Eyre Peninsula have put forward proposals that have been accepted in this program," Mrs Penfold said.