



Government of
South Australia

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The Hon. Minister Ian Hunter MLC,
The South East Natural Resources Management Board
and

The Research Committee of the newDemocracy Foundation

INVITE YOU

to participate in an innovative, randomly-selected jury-style process

Help us decide how to pay

Agreeing **if** and **how** we fund the infrastructure of the South Eastern Drainage Network



Topic:

How should we pay for maintaining our largest local infrastructure asset - the South East Drainage Network?

The State Government will commit \$2.2m p.a.

Do we want to spend more than that, and if so, how do we fairly share this cost across the region?

Just like a jury model, you will hear evidence from all interested parties regarding different options for funding arrangements for you to consider, question and discuss.



Authority:

- The Minister commits to meet with the Community Panel at the commencement of the Panel's deliberations.
- The Minister commits to meet with the Community Panel to discuss your final recommendations.
- The Minister commits to submit to Cabinet the outcomes of the Community Panel's Deliberations
- The Minister commits to table the recommendations in Parliament unedited



Meeting Dates:

Meetings are for three weekends with all meals provided. Accommodation is provided free for those who require it for any or all of the meeting dates. ***A one off payment of \$400 will also be made to cover travel expenses and incidentals.***

Saturday January 31st – Sunday February 1st
9:30am - 4:30pm both days

Settlers Café, Naracoorte

Saturday Feb 21st – Sunday Feb 22nd
9:30am - 4:30pm both days

Lakes Resort, Mt Gambier

Saturday March 14th – Sunday March 15th
9:30am - 4:30pm both days

Keith Institute, Keith

RSVP:

RSVP close date: **December 5th**

For further information or to RSVP by phone please contact newDemocracy on 0467 066 185 or email DrainageProjectHelp@newdemocracy.com.au





Why Do This?

You should do it because this is the single best opportunity to inform the government on a tough and controversial problem which affects everyone.

There is no draft plan which the government has prepared and is engaging with the community just to tick that box. The result is uncontrolled - what you recommend will be public and taken to the Parliament.

Many decisions taken by the Minister or the Department are open to criticism by someone. The only 'good' policy decision is one which the community agrees is fair. That's subjective, and the people best to decide it are those in the everyday community.

A process like this won't turn the Community Panel members into subject matter experts, in much the same way that criminal trials do not turn people into forensic experts, but after 50 hours of learning and discussing you'll be well placed to make an informed decision and give the Minister an unambiguous recommendation.

This group will specifically include those engaged in agriculture, those from the more urban areas, a geographic spread around the region and a mix of ages. You will be asked a few questions when you register, and we then do a random stratified selection which approximately matches the Census profile of the region.

Government agencies, expert groups, interest groups, community groups and lobbyists will be invited to make their case, but making recommendations is in the hands of you the randomly selected panel - not organisers, facilitators or the Government.



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