



# **Amanda Rishworth MP**

## **Member for Kingston**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **OVER \$14 MILLION FOR STORMWATER REUSE**

City of Onkaparinga will receive \$14.97 million to undertake stage 2 of Water Proofing the South an innovative stormwater capture project to improve our urban water security.

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, today announced City of Onkaparinga was one of 13 successful organisations to receive funding under the Australian Government's first round of *Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Projects*.

"The successful project announced today will enable the City of Onkaparinga to implement stage 2 of Water Proofing the South which seeks to offset 1300 million litres of water for parklands, playing fields and tress each year, said Ms Rishworth."

"This will be achieved by harvesting and diverting stormwater at five sites into off-stream wetlands, were the stormwater can be treated and injected into the aquifer for storage."

Ms Rishworth has worked closely with the City of Onkaparinga to highlight the importance of this project to the Federal Government.

"I am pleased the Rudd Government has listened to the calls of our community by investing in innovative stormwater infrastructure projects for families and businesses in the South."

"In this era of extended drought and the emerging effects of climate change, we need to invest in alternative water supplies and make better use of the water we have available for our cities and towns," Ms Rishworth said.

"Today's announcement builds on the \$34.5 million Rudd Government committed to fund stage one of Water Proofing the South and is also in addition to the \$3.5 million committed by the Rudd Government last September to provide recycled water to almost 120 irrigators in McLaren Vale."

"The success of these important water projects is yet another great example of the local and federal government working together for the benefit of our community."

Ms Rishworth encouraged other eligible proponents to submit a proposal for the second round of funding.

"The closing date for the second round, originally 11 December 2009, has been extended to 10 February 2010 to provide as much time as possible for applicants to prepare robust proposals."

Program guidelines are available from [www.environment.gov.au/water](http://www.environment.gov.au/water) or by calling 1800 218 478.