



Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme

Adelaide Plains Council is thrilled with the Federal Government's announcement to contribute \$46 million towards the Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme (NAIS). With the State Government having already pledged \$110 million towards the irrigation scheme, news of this further funding commitment means NAIS will now become a reality, securing significant economic development investment opportunities for our region.

The NAIS project will pump recycled water from the Bolivar sewerage treatment works to the Adelaide Plains for use in irrigated agriculture and horticulture. The irrigation scheme is expected to be operational by early 2019 and will initially deliver 12 gigalitres of water each year. It could eventually be expanded to deliver up to 20 gigalitres per year.

Council, proactive in its strategic planning, has heavily advanced a development plan amendment (DPA) to rezone significant land holdings to facilitate intensive horticulture and allied industry. Council anticipates that the DPA will be completed by December 2017.

The NAIS project, coupled with Council's rezoning initiatives to facilitate intensive irrigated horticulture, has the potential to create upwards of 3,700 jobs, attract \$1.1 billion in private investment, add \$578 million to the state's economy and result in over 300 hectares of new export-focused, high-tech horticulture production in our region.

Council's Chief Executive Officer welcomed this announcement, saying "Adelaide Plains Council is now a key destination for state significant investment. With the foresight demonstrated by Council and rezoning well underway, our region will become the epicentre of the 'food bowl' for South Australia. Council is now open for business."

Mayor Tony Flaherty OAM, remarked "On behalf of Council, I would like to thank both the Federal and State Government for their commitment towards this project. Adelaide Plains Council looks forward to facilitating the wonderful economic development and investment opportunities which NAIS will bring."

Council's draft Development Plan Amendment (DPA) is being presented to the elected body on Monday, 21 August 2017 and, once adopted, the DPA will be released for a two month period of concurrent agency and public consultation. Anyone wishing to find out more about the DPA is encouraged to contact Council, or visit our website at www.apc.sa.gov.au

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