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WATER QUALITY – RIVER MURRAY TURBIDITY

SA Water's River Murray Water Treatment Plants will today begin treating higher-than-normal levels of turbidity as pre-release Darling River water from the Menindee Lakes begins to make its way down the River Murray ahead of expected floodwaters.

There is no risk to public health and SA Water will continue to treat the water to ensure it meets the Department of Health requirements for safe drinking water quality.

SA Water's modern filtration plants ensure the turbid water can be treated effectively and customers should not notice a change in the quality of their treated water supply.

We have a range of operational measures in place along the River Murray to manage the higher-than-normal levels of turbidity, including:

- Regulating flow through Lake Victoria
- Enhanced monitoring and sampling program
- Modified operations at water treatment plants.

We will continue to keep our customers updated if conditions change, and encourage people with any questions to phone SA Water on 1300 880 337.

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