



Renmark Paringa Council

Media Statement

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Renmark Paringa Council is preparing for higher flow scenarios

In recent weeks, Renmark Paringa Council has commenced preparing for higher flows in the River Murray.

The current South Australian government projection is that the flow will reach 120 gigalitres (GL) per day across the border into South Australia, however it is possible that this projection may further increase. Regardless, as a precaution, Council is collaborating with lead flood agencies Department for Environment and Water and South Australian State Emergency Service and is currently scenario planning for flows that are in excess of 120GL per day.

Council has placed all non-essential infrastructure and capital works on standby and is redirecting efforts into preparing for higher flow scenarios.

Council has undertaken an assessment of its levee system in the past and has highlighted some areas requiring remediation. Council has previously sought external funding from other levels of government to assist in these works and will continue to pursue assistance for the remediation of this infrastructure.

In terms of preparations, Council has:

- Reviewed previous levee bank assessments and highlighted areas requiring remediation.
- Sought assistance from the South Australian government in terms of financial support and technical advice relating to levee remediation on Council land, Crown land and private land.
- Commenced sourcing clay fill to reinforce the levees.
- Commenced sourcing sand for sand bagging (if required).
- Commenced assessing our stormwater network in terms of potential backflow.
- Sourced large capacity pumps.
- Assessed Council infrastructure that is affected or likely to be affected by rising water, including roads, boat ramps, parks and assets. This infrastructure assessment will continue to occur on an ongoing basis.

In addition to proactively addressing risks associated with River Murray flooding that may potentially occur in the coming months, Council is also currently addressing potential risks associated with localised flooding across the area caused by imminent rainfall events.

Council has created a new page on its website, titled 'River Murray Flood Advice' (<https://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/river-murray-high-flow-advice>) which will contain all Council updates and links to relevant State and Federal Government information sources.

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