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To:

The Hon Lucy Hood MP

Minister for Climate, Environment and Water

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the Public Sector Regulations 2010, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, Schedule 1A to *Local Government Act 1999* and the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013 Annual Reporting.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Stormwater Management Authority by:

Ms Shanti Ditter

Presiding Member

Date 25th September 2025 Signature 

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Overview: about the agency

Our strategic focus

The Stormwater Management Authority (the Authority) implements the Agreement on Stormwater Management between the State of South Australia and the Local Government Association of South Australia. The Authority supports the development and implementation of multi-objective stormwater management plans that address flood risk, environmental amenity and water security to maximise the public benefit of stormwater.

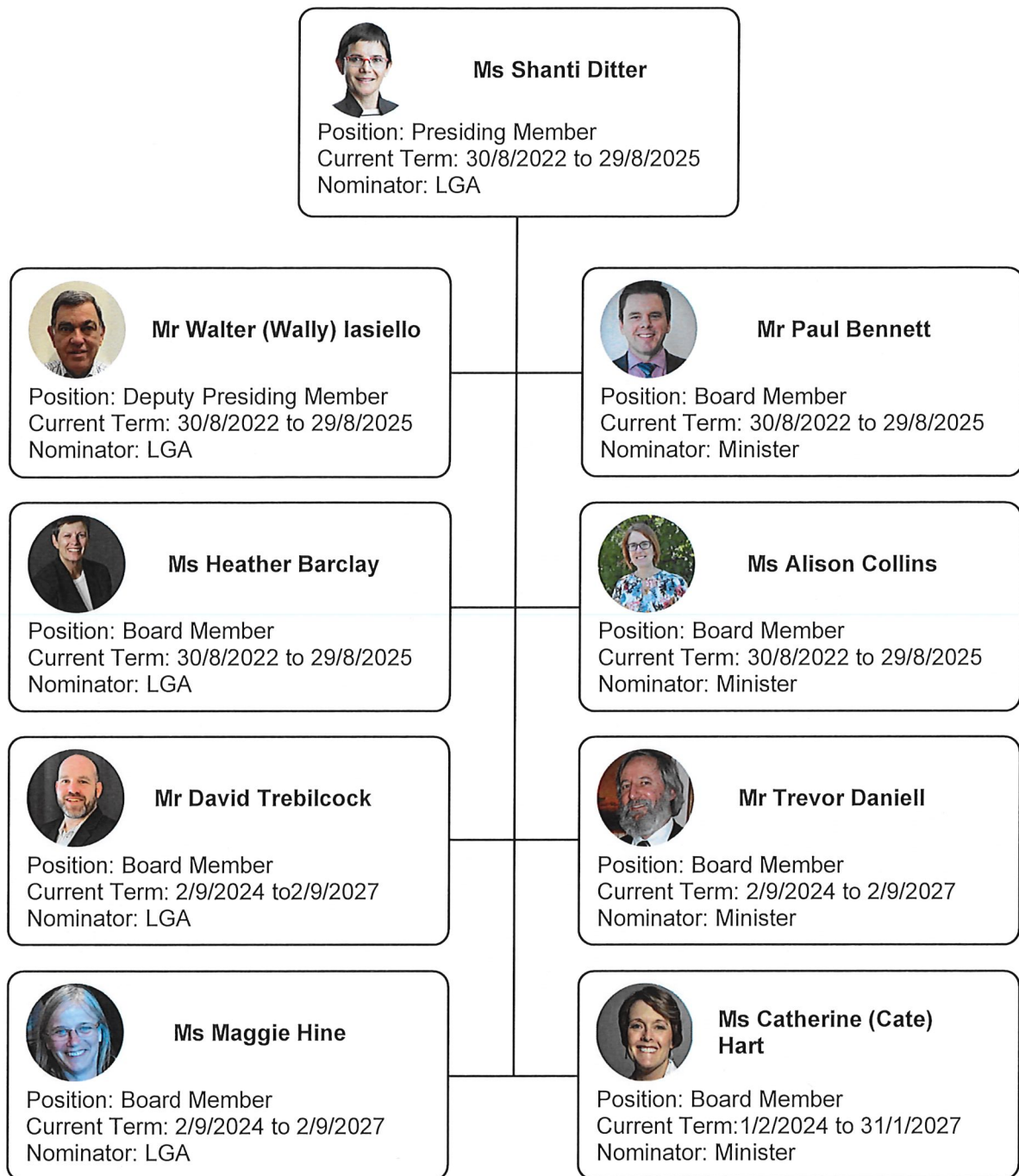
The Authority operates as a body for the planning, prioritisation and funding of stormwater management initiatives, and administers the Stormwater Management Fund which provides funding for stormwater planning and infrastructure projects that meet specific guidelines.

In collaboration with local government, the Authority works to:

- Ensure that stormwater is recognised as an integral part of urban water management
- Maximise opportunities for stormwater to provide public health and economic benefits
- Mitigate the impacts of stormwater on people, property and the environment.

Our organisational structure

In accordance with section 7 of Schedule 1A to the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Authority consists of a board comprising one Presiding Member and not less than six other members.



Changes to the agency

During 2024-25 there were no changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister (s)

The board of the Authority is appointed by the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, in the 2024-25 financial year this was the Hon Susan Close MP.

Legislation administered by the agency

The Authority does not administer any legislation.

The Authority is responsible for complying with Schedule 1A to the *Local Government Act 1999*, which in 2024-25 was administered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Department for Environment and Water.

The agency's performance

Performance at a glance

The board of the Authority met on five occasions during the reporting period.

Member	Meetings attended	Reason(s) for non-attendance
Ms Heather Barclay	2	Other
Mr Paul Bennett	3	Other
Ms Alison Collins	5	
Mr Trevor Daniell	5	
Ms Shanti Ditter	5	
Ms Catherine Hart	4	Other
Mr Walter Iasiello	5	
Ms Maggie Hine	4	Appointment to board was made after the first meeting of the financial year
Mr David Trebilcock	4	Appointment to board was made after the first meeting of the financial year

In 2024-25, the board approved funding of \$392,000 for four new stormwater management plans. No stormwater management plans were approved by the board in 2024-25. Stormwater Management Fund subsidies of \$6.944 million were approved in 2024-25.

Agency specific objectives and performance

The Authority administers the Stormwater Management Fund. Reporting of the Stormwater Management Fund is contained under the heading 'Reporting required under any other act or regulation'.

Corporate performance summary

The board of the Authority is administratively supported by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW). Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2024-25.

Employment opportunity programs

The board of the Authority has no staff of its own and utilises services provided by DEW. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2024-25.

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Performance
Government employees supporting the Authority's operations are seconded from DEW and undertake a performance review and development program with their managers.	Two sessions are held on an annual basis. This is considered to be effective.

Work health, safety and return to work programs

Program name	Performance
The Authority abides by the relevant health and safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by DEW to meet whole of government and legislative requirements.	Reporting on this matter is contained within the DEW Annual Report 2024-25.

Workplace injury claims	Current year 2024-25	Past year 2023-24	% Change (+ / -)
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0
Fatalities	0	0	0
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0	0

**number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment meeting the relevant threshold under the Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)*

Work health and safety regulations	Current year 2024-25	Past year 2023-24	% Change (+ / -)
Number of notifiable incidents (<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012, Part 3</i>)	0	0	0
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices (<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i>)	0	0	0

Return to work costs**	Current year 2024-25	Past year 2023-24	% Change (+ / -)
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0

**before third party recovery

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/stormwater-management-authority-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES Level 1	0
SAES Level 2	0

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/stormwater-management-authority-annual-report-data>

The [Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment](#) has a [workforce information](#) page that provides further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

The financial performance and position as at 30 June 2025 are contained within the audited financial statements and attached to the Annual Report as an Appendix.

Consultants disclosure

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for the work undertaken during the financial year.

Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All consultancies below \$10,000 each - combined	NA	0

Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Nil	NA	0
	Total	\$ 0

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<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/stormwater-management-authority-annual-report-data>

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for work undertaken during the financial year.

Contractors with a contract value below \$10,000

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All contractors below \$10,000 each - combined	Project Management Services	\$12,739

Contractors with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
GFR consulting	Technical advice and project management services	\$ 15,960
Randstad Pty Ltd	Supply temporary staff	\$ 26,373
	Total	\$ 42,333

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/stormwater-management-authority-annual-report-data>

The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts](#).

The website also provides details of [across government contracts](#).

Risk management

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
It is declared that there were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Authority in this reporting period	0

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the DEW Annual Report 2024-25. Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/dew-annual-report-data>.

Public interest disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*:

Nil

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/stormwater-management-authority-annual-report-data>

Note: Disclosure of public interest information was previously reported under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and repealed by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* on 1/7/2019.

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Section 30(2)(a) of Schedule 1A to the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>	Details of the extent to which the Authority's business plan has been implemented during the financial year and of the changes to the business plan proposed as part of the annual review required under clause 14(2)(b)

During the 2024-25 financial year the Authority continued to pursue the development and approval of Stormwater Management Plans (SMPs) in accordance with its business plan. No new SMPs were approved in 2024-25.

The Authority continues to work with Councils to facilitate development of SMPs. The following SMPs are currently being prepared:

- Adams Creek and Helps Road Drain SMP (City of Playford)
- Aldgate, Crafers and Bridgewater SMP (Adelaide Hills Council)
- Coffin Bay SMP (District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula)
- Field River SMP (City of Onkaparinga)
- Gawler (town) SMP (Town of Gawler)
- Gawler River SMP (Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority)
- Georgetown SMP (Northern Areas Council)
- Gladstone SMP (Northern Areas Council)
- Greater Edinburgh Parks and St Kilda SMP (City of Playford)
- Laura SMP (Northern Areas Council)
- Lower Sturt River SMP (City of Mitcham)
- Loxton (District Council of Loxton Waikerie)
- Murray Bridge SMP (Rural City of Murray Bridge)
- Port Augusta SMP (Port Augusta City Council)
- Renmark (DC of Renmark Paringa)
- Smith Creek SMP (City of Playford)
- Spalding SMP (Northern Areas Council)
- Torrens Urban North East (City of Port Adelaide Enfield)
- Waikerie (District Council of Loxton Waikerie)
- Wallaroo SMP (Copper Coast Council)
- West Torrens SMP (City of West Torrens)

In 2023-24 the Authority revised its business plan. In October 2024 the business plan was approved by the Local Government Association of South Australia and the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water and finalised.

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Section 30(2)(b) of Schedule 1A to the Local Government Act 1999	Details of any decisions made by the Authority that differ from the recommendations made by the Committee (if established under Clause 15)

Nil to report. The Stormwater Advisory Committee is not established.

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Section 30(2)(c) of Schedule 1A to the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>	Details of any payment from the Fund during the financial year

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App. No.	Applicant	Project	Payment (\$'000)
256/24	Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board	Implementation of the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Management Plan	4,000
205/21	City of Playford	Park Road drainage system	700
209/21,242/23	City of Prospect	Churchill Road Drain (Stage 1), HEP channel upgrades functional design	650
NA	Operating costs of the Authority**	NA	497
214/21	City of Victor Harbor	Yandra Tce upgrade	255
234/23, 235/23	Copper Coast Council	Randolph Street Flood Mitigation, Gawler Street Flood Mitigation	240
231/23	Mount Barker District Council	Mount Barker Creeks Rejuvenation- detailed design	40
255/24	Renmark Paringa Council	Renmark Stormwater Management Plan	30
198/20	University of Adelaide	Smart detention storage tanks	22
253/24	City of Port Lincoln	Western Approach Rd design	20
212/21	City of Charles Sturt	Meakin Terrace (design)	17
TOTAL			\$6,471

**supplies and service costs attributed to 2024-25

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Section 30(2)(d) of Schedule 1A to the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>	An assessment by the Authority of the adequacy of the Fund to meet claims on the Fund under this Schedule and the Stormwater Management Agreement

The Fund has been adequate to meet agreed commitments for stormwater initiatives and projects to date. In the 2025 call for grant applications for works projects

(Category C) the demand for funding was more than twice the capacity of the fund and not all projects of merit could be offered a grant.

Through the completion of stormwater management plans and other initiatives, the Authority is aware of significant and emerging priorities for stormwater management and flood mitigation that far exceed the present capacity of the Fund.

In line with the state government commitment to implement the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan, the Authority approved a contribution of \$4 million to the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board (BHKCSB) in 2024-25. In 2025-26 the Authority will continue to make a significant contribution to the BHKCSB for works identified in the Brown Hill and Keswick Creek SMP. The overall delivery of these works is constrained by the capacity of the Authority and the constituent councils to provide cash-flow.

The Authority accepts funding applications for non-works projects at any time. In 2024-25 the Authority awarded \$524,000 in funding for non-works projects. Funding for works projects is awarded only after a call for applications. The Authority made one call for applications for works projects in 2024-25. The works related grants awarded in 2024-25 total \$6.419 million, including the BHKCSB contribution.

The cash balance of \$11,413 million at 30 June 2025, together with the state government contribution of \$ 6.393 million in 2025-26, there are adequate funds to meet:

- Commitments to the BHKCSB of \$4 million in 2025-26
- Commitments to other projects with expected payments in 2025-26 totalling \$9,075 million.

The forecast cash flows for the Fund will require the careful consideration and prioritisation of any potential new funding commitments in 2025-26.

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2023-24
All categories	All sub categories	Not applicable	0
		Total	0

Additional Metrics	Total
Number of positive feedback comments	0
Number of negative feedback comments	0
Total number of feedback comments	0
% complaints resolved within policy timeframes	N/A

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/stormwater-management-authority-annual-report-data>

Service Improvements

Nil

Compliance Statement

Stormwater Management Authority is compliant with Premier and Cabinet Circular 039 – complaint management in the South Australian public sector	N/A*
Stormwater Management Authority has communicated the content of PC 039 and the agency's related complaints policies and procedures to employees.	N/A*

* The Authority abides by the relevant complaints handling policies and procedures that have been adopted by DEW to meet whole of government requirements.

Government employees supporting the Authority's operations are seconded from DEW and abide by relevant DEW policies.

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2024-25