



Stormwater Management Authority Newsletter

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Key Agenda Items from Meeting 97

The board of the Stormwater Management Authority met on 11 August 2026 in Adelaide. Key agenda items from the meeting:

- The board was provided with an update on the State-Wide Flooding Hazards Code Amendment submission and Stormwater Management Planning Implementation Status, and considered the SMA's Annual Report.
- The board received presentations on the Brownhill Keswick Creek stormwater project and the Torrens to Darlington project.
- The board approved the West Torrens Drainage Catchments Stormwater Management Plan and approved funding for the City of Campbelltown for the Fourth and Fifth Creek Stormwater Management Plan.

Climate Resilient Infrastructure Guideline

The Institute of Public Works Engineers Australian (IPWEA) have released the Climate Resilient Infrastructure Guideline (the CRIG).

The CRIG is free to access for South Australian residents and was developed in partnership with a number of South Australian partners from local and state



government.

The CRIG describes the climate impacts and resilience options for a range of asset classes including stormwater assets. The CRIG also discusses processes of organisational change and building the business case for including climate change into strategic plans, and then takes an asset lifecycle approach to describe how to update asset and financial management plans and financial reporting.

It is supported by extensive additional resources including global and Australian case studies, examples, drawings, images, templates, a risk and

resilience decision tree, templates, tools, references and active links for further information.

eWater MUSIC Platform

MUSIC underpins stormwater management decision-making across Australia and it is essential that the tool is robust, efficient and fit for future needs. eWater is currently modernising the MUSIC platform with the upcoming release of MUSICX 2.1 which features improvements on MUSICX.

The proposed updates include:

- Runtime performance increases
- Direct import of MUSIC 6 SQZ files into MUSICX
- Feature parity between MUSIC 6 and MUSICX
- New capabilities, including a Monthly Climate Scaling Extension and Python Extension, enabling climate-modified scenario runs

Following the release of MUSICX 2.1, eWater will be working with the MUSIC community to migrate all users to this latest version and retire MUSIC 6. Webinars, training and other initiatives will be provided to support users during the transition.

Local Infrastructure Fund



The Australian Government has announced a new \$2 billion Local Infrastructure Fund as part of the 2026–27 Budget. The fund will help local governments and state utilities build essential infrastructure to support new housing.

South Australia has been allocated a total of \$133.9 million of funding with \$33.5 million reserved for regional areas.

Funding will be available for infrastructure that enables new housing and includes stormwater and drainage works and flood mitigation measures.

More information about the fund is available [here](#) with applications for the first funding round expected to open later in 2026.

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The Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) is a partnership between the Government of South Australia and the Local Government Association of South Australia. The SMA operates under the Local Government (Stormwater Management Agreement) Amendment Act 2016 and comprises a nine-member board appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water. The board meets approximately bi-monthly.



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