



Stormwater Management Authority Newsletter

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Outcomes from meeting 85

The board of the Stormwater Management Authority met on 14 February 2024 in Adelaide. Key outcomes from the meeting were:

- The board was briefed on the State-wide Flood Hazard Mapping Update Code Amendment.
- The board was briefed on the North-South Corridor project.
- The board approved a contribution of up to \$4 million to the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board for works to be undertaken in 2023-24.
- The board approved a variation for a reduced scope of deliverables and a reduction of subsidy to \$120,791 for project 203/20 Clare Stormwater Works project.

- The board received an update on the revision of the Stormwater Management Planning Guidelines which is underway.

Category C funding round now closed

Applications for the Category C funding round (capital works relating to stormwater management) closed on 22 March 2024. Eligible projects under Category C of the Stormwater Management Fund include:

- detailed design of civil works
- construction of civil works
- land acquisition

The Authority is now assessing applications. Future funding rounds will be announced on the SMA website.

Applications for Category A and B projects can be submitted at any time. Category A projects may include stormwater management plans and other studies relating to stormwater management. Category B projects may include stormwater management knowledge, capability and capacity building.

Refer to the *Stormwater Management Fund Guide for Applicants* at <http://www.sma.sa.gov.au> for further information or talk to the Authority's staff.

SMA Strategic Plan online



The Authority has released its updated *Strategic Plan for 2023-2032*, which sets a direction for the SMA's activities over a ten-year horizon. The strategic plan is supported by the SMA's *Business Plan*, *Stormwater Management Planning Priorities for South Australia 2022* and individual stormwater management plans prepared by councils or groups of councils. The strategic plan will enable the SMA to work towards its goals and continue efforts to build flood resilience, protect natural environments and maximise the water security, greening, cooling and amenity benefits of stormwater reuse.

The Strategic Plan can be accessed on the SMA website <https://www.sma.sa.gov.au/about/strategic-plans-priorities/>

Update of the climate change guidance in Australian Rainfall and Runoff

The Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water are working to update the Climate Change Considerations chapter in *Australian Rainfall and Runoff, a guide to flood estimation* (ARR).



A draft updated chapter is available. Stakeholder consultation has recently been completed and final guidance is scheduled for release in mid 2024. The draft chapter proposes some significant changes to guidance on the flood estimation under climate change conditions. The Authority encourages

stormwater managers and consultants to review the proposed changes in climate change guidance for ARR.

For further information go to <https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/draft-updates-to-the-climate-change-considerations-chapter-in-arrg>

State-wide Flood Hazard Code amendment



The State Planning Commission have initiated the State-wide Flood Hazard Code Amendment.

This is the final stage of the Flood Hazard Mapping Project and seeks to use contemporary flood hazard modelling to update spatial application of the Planning and Design Code's flood hazard overlays and revise the code policies.

For further information on the code amendment go to https://plan.sa.gov.au/have_your_say/code-amendments/initiated

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