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606 ESTABLISHMENT OF DESALINATION WORKING GROUP (Karlene Maywald) - NOTED

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TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET TO NOTE

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF DESALINATION WORKING GROUP

1. PROPOSAL

That Cabinet:

- 1.1. Note the establishment of the Desalination Working Group;
- 1.2. Note the appointment of Mr Ian Kowalick as Chair of the Desalination Working Group, based on a commitment of one day per week at remuneration commensurate to his role as Independent Murray-Darling Basin Commissioner.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. On 6th March 2007, I announced the establishment of a Desalination Working Group.
- 2.2. The working group will build on preliminary investigations undertaken by SA Water and will research:
 - How desalination fits with the Water Proofing Adelaide strategy for an integrated and diversified water supply system.
 - Feasible options and optimal technology for seawater desalination.
 - Options for sizing and location, and integration with the existing metropolitan Adelaide water supply system.
 - The estimated capital and operating costs of desalination as a resource for metropolitan Adelaide, including funding options and implications.
 - Environmental implications of constructing and operating a desalination plant, including in the context of climate change.
 - Appropriate arrangements for constructing and operating a desalination plant.
- 2.3. I also announced that the group will report to me in my capacity as Minister for Water Security and will be chaired by SA's independent Murray-Darling Basin Commissioner Ian Kowalick. At this stage, I expect to receive the Working Party's final report within six months.
- 2.4. Mr Kowalick has high level experience in both private industry and government. He is an experienced chair and/or director of both private companies and government entities. His government experience includes time as chief executive of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, where he was involved in major public policy issues. He also has expertise in venture capital and major contracting undertakings. Mr Kowalick's curriculum vitae is attached.

- 2.5. Mr Kowalick's role will be to lead the task of researching and reporting on desalination as a water resource option for Adelaide. He will also provide important linkages to the private sector, as well as injecting expertise in funding and governance arrangements for major projects of this type.
- 2.6. SA Water will provide Mr Kowalick and the Desalination Working Group with support in the form of research assistance and executive officer support, and any other resources as required.
- 2.7. Membership of the Desalination Working Group is as follows :

Ian Kowalick (chair)	Independent Murray-Darling Basin Commissioner for SA
John Williams	Head of Strategic Projects SA Water
Rod Hook	Executive Director Office of Major Projects and Infrastructure
Rob Schwarz	Assistant Under Treasurer Department of Treasury and Finance

Coordination/Executive officers:

Anne Westley	Principal Consultant, Corporate Governance SA Water
Matthew Baines	Specialist Engineer, Alternative Water Sources SA Water

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

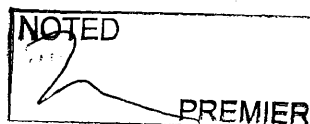
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Karlene Maywald
MINISTER FOR WATER SECURITY



8 March 2007

Curriculum Vitae

Ian Kowalick

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