

# Media Release



## EVENT NOTICE: *Privatisation: The Cost of Water Reform?*

Co-presented by the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre of the University of South Australia



**WHERE: Allan Scott Auditorium, UniSA City West campus**  
**WHEN: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 5.30 for 6.00pm start**

**The consequences of water reform, such as the building of unnecessary desalination plants will be exposed at this high level forum.**

**Also being discussed are economic, social and environmental implications.**

**Representatives of major political parties will be attending.**

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***"Privatisation: The Cost of Water Reform?"*** will explore the water reform process and the far reaching impact of increasing privatisation, and where control of our water, our rivers and aquifers and our water supply utilities currently lies and will lie into the future and the implications for citizens.

The mismanagement of the Murray-Darling Basin over the last two decades has had disastrous consequences for communities, ecosystems and economies, particularly those at the end of the river system in South Australia.

The Water Action Coalition with the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre of the University of SA has organised this forum to inform South Australians about water reform.

Representing the Liberal Party will be [Adrian Pederick MP](#), Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Food & Fisheries and for Forests. Representing the Greens will be [Penny Wright](#), Senator-Elect for the Greens (SA).

To set the scene for the forum [Maude Barlow](#), International Patron of the Water Action Coalition will give the first of three keynotes to address the topic: "Lifting the Lid on Water Reform" by pre-recorded video from Canada.

WAC is a broadly based movement of community groups and environmental organisations that has been formed in response to growing public concern about public water policy.

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