

# Media Release



## **EVENT NOTICE: *The Big Water Debate***

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



**WHERE: Allan Scott Auditorium, UniSA City West campus**  
**WHEN: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 5.30 for 6.00pm start**

**The major issue of the election will be addressed by Labor, Liberal and Minor parties along with the President of the Australian Conservation Foundation.**

### **MEDIA NOTICE**

There is no issue of greater concern to the South Australian electorate – country, regional and city – than security of water. It will be the major issue at the State election. The outcome of many seats, indeed the outcome of the election itself, could well be decided on having the right public water policy to ensure sustainable solutions are implemented by the next Parliament that do not compromise the health of interdependent ecosystems for future generations.

The Water Action Coalition with the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre of the University of SA has organised this debate to inform voters of the policy options that will be presented by the major and invited minor parties. Minister for Environment Jay Weatherill will represent the Premier and Government with Robyn McLeod, Commissioner for Water Security.

Representing the Liberal Party will be Shadow Minister for Water Security, Mitch Williams, Shadow Minister for River Murray, Adrian Pederick, and Shadow Minister for Environment, Michelle Lensink. A panel of minor parties and independent MLC members will also present their policies: Mark Parnell (Greens SA), Robert Brokenshire (Family First), and David Wunderlich (Independent).

To set the scene for the debate Professor Ian Lowe (AO), President of the Australian Conservation Foundation, will give the keynote address: "The Truth and Lies About Water Politics".

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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