



**No free water for EP
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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold said trawling through stacks of reports pays off.

She read the South Australian Water Corporation's charter to ascertain what the company's responsibilities are for Eyre Peninsula

All the staff heard the bellow of outrage when she picked up that Adelaide and Port Adelaide-Enfield City Councils receive free water.

"Speaking in Parliament on 18 September I compared the augmentation fee of \$5500 charged by SA Water for blocks at Coffin Bay and 23 other regional towns, with SA Water's charter which provided free water for the Adelaide and Port Adelaide City Councils.

"I heard nothing more until an article appeared in the Sunday Mail 7 December 2003 stating that the free water is being stopped," she said.

Mrs Penfold said the two city councils started receiving the free water after helping to establish the first State water supply authority 133 years ago.

"Compare that with people living west of Ceduna who, with Ceduna District Council, have paid for their own pipeline and also have to pay a premium for their water over and above that charged to those living in the rest of the state," she said.

Mrs Penfold said the anomaly was unlikely to have been changed without the time and effort put into reading through the SA Water charter.

In 2002-03, SA Water contributed \$243 million into general revenue from a profit of \$258 million.