



DESALINATION FOR VENUS BAY & PORT KENNY
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"If water is not soon provided for Venus Bay and Port Kenny the local school will be lost and future growth stunted for years to come" Mrs. Penfold said.

Mrs Penfold took Wayne Cornish Presiding Officer of the Eyre Peninsula Catchment Water Management Board, Probodh Das the Board's technical officer and Brian Foster Chairman of the new Natural Resource Management Board to see the reverse osmosis desalination plant used by the vineyard at Nundroo which she believes would be a suitable system for use at Venus Bay and Port Kenny and other small communities that are not connected to the SA Water pipelines.

This desalination system is simple to use and can be delivered to the site in a shipping container ready to connect.

"I have asked for the support of the EP Catchment Water Management Board and the Natural Resource Management Board for the Elliston District Council and these small communities to have a desalination plant in place by next summer for locals and tourists.

The new ferry between Lucky Bay and Wallaroo will be in place by then and I believe they will increase the numbers of tourists coming to all of Eyre Peninsula dramatically" Mrs Penfold said.

"Port Kenny and Venus Bay townships are not connected to the main system and the current situation is untenable. Lives are put at risk every year these towns remain without a secure potable water supply."

"This region has huge potential but if we lose the school it will take years to recover and we will lose the school if good reliable water can not be provided to support an increase in population" she said.

Water Supply - Venus Bay/Port Kenny
26 July 2004

Member for Flinders Liz Penfold has asked the State Government to put desalination plants at Venus Bay and Port Kenny to be operational for the coming summer.

Mrs Penfold made the request because the water supply at these locations was reported to be critical some months ago.

"I understand that the South Australian company OSMOFLO Pty Ltd makes desalination units that would be suitable and that they have just made four units for Broken Hill.

"I believe these could be easily installed by SA Water at Port Kenny and Venus Bay"

"This would be a quick effective solution to a potentially dangerous health situation," she said.

“This is an opportunity for Mike Rann to show that he governs for all South Australians and not just those whom he chooses to favour.”

As an instance of selective governance, Mrs Penfold cited Mr Rann’s announcement for waterproofing Adelaide without reference to regional problems.