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Public submissions invited on desalination plant licence application

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The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is inviting public submissions on an application for an EPA licence from the operators of the Adelaide Desalination Plant.

A licence from the EPA is required to permit the plant to discharge brine to marine waters, which may include some neutralised water treatment chemicals, and also to permit the associated storage of water treatment chemicals at the site.

The licence application has been lodged by Acciona Agua Adelaide Pty Ltd, McConnell Dowell Constructors Pty Ltd & Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd (trading as AdelaideAqua).

As part of its licensing processes, the EPA imposes operating conditions to ensure environmental impacts are monitored and minimised. Public submissions are considered in developing those conditions.

A copy of the licence application and information on how to make a submission is available on the EPA website at www.epa.sa.gov.au/home/desal.

Submissions close on 10 February. A licence is expected to be issued by mid-year.

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