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#### Industry takes up the water conservation challenge

In early November, the Environment Protection Authority, the City of Norwood Payneham and St. Peters, Caroma Industries and Wormald worked together to conduct a water conservation trial to reuse water from fire sprinkler systems.

With assistance from the EPA and the City of Norwood Payneham and St. Peters, two companies, Caroma Industries and Wormald conducted Adelaide's first trial to reuse water from fire sprinkler systems. The trial was successful with thousands of litres of water reused to irrigate local vegetation.

Senior EPA Water Quality Advisor, Peter Scott, approached the City of Norwood Payneham and St. Peters to arrange a trial whereby fire sprinkler test water could be collected by the Council's water truck, assessed for quality and used for irrigation in parks, gardens or dust suppression on work sites.

EPA Chief Executive Dr Paul Vogel said it is most pleasing to see industry taking such a lead in water conservation, especially when it involves thinking outside the square, changing usual work practices and being willing to try something new.

The City of Norwood Payneham and St. Peters Chief Executive Mario Barone said this initiative presents an ideal opportunity for the Council to demonstrate its commitment in a very practical and easily implemented way. Often it is the simple solutions that are the best ones.

Caroma's Production Services Manager Ian Baines said everyone in the community must respond to South Australia's water crisis and this is just one way Caroma can demonstrate its commitment to acting responsibly.

Wormald's Emergency Service Minor Works Manager Andrew Smith said that Wormald looks forward to considering the application of this reuse approach to other industrial sites around Adelaide.

A second trial is scheduled for December and will involve the EPA, Wormald and other local Councils situated in Adelaide.