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SALISBURY WETLANDS PROJECT OFFERS LONG TERM SOLUTION TO WATER CRISIS.

Independent MLC Ann Bressington is urging both State and Local Governments to adopt "The Salisbury Wetlands Project".

Ms Bressington said the initiative was proven to be successful in catching, purifying and storing water that would otherwise have made its way to the gulf.

"This particular initiative is a credit to the forward thinking of Mayor Mr. Tony Zappia," Ms Bressington said.

"The wetlands project has the ability to store millions if not billions of litres of water in underground aquifers for use in industry and agriculture.

"This project services Mawson Lakes with recycled water as well as local schools and sporting grounds. I can't see any drawbacks to the wetlands and I was amazed with just how expansive the project is."

The project has assisted Michelle's in Salisbury to remain local by halting the increased costs of water. Now Michelle's uses recycled water from the wetlands and it is cost effective for the industry. The wetlands project will expand over the coming 12 months to service other industries in the area.

"I went on a tour of the wetlands yesterday and was amazed at the science that supports the project as well as the outcomes for the environment, water recycling and conservation," Ms Bressington said.

"While the government is talking about weirs and water restrictions it is surprising that they are not talking about expanding this project to other areas.

"It is also surprising that mayors are not knocking down the doors of Salisbury Council to find out how they could begin such a project in their own areas immediately."

Ms Bressington will attempt to bring South Australian politicians of all persuasions together in the New Year to discuss the benefits of wetlands projects.

"This particular approach will keep the conservationist happy as well as solve the water crisis in the future. Councils and the government are going to have to take responsibility for water conservation and look locally for the solution."