

Dear Valued Customer,

As the year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued trust in Carrs' Seeds. This year has presented many challenges in agriculture, but your support has been a constant source of motivation for us.

We wish you a restful and joyful Christmas break, and we look forward to working with you in the year ahead. May 2025 bring better conditions and continued success in all your endeavors.

Warmest regards, *The Carrs' Seeds Team*



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Eyre Peninsula Water Security

Did you know that 38% of the water used on Eyre Peninsula is for agricultural use. Recently I had the opportunity to get a comprehensive update from SA Water on the desalination plant that has the go ahead to be built near Port Lincoln soon. Latest news is the Uley /Wanilla, and Lincoln South Basins that we draw from now are quite low, and there is a potential that we will be on water restrictions before the desal plant is complete

Please see below some extracts from the report:

The volume of water we are licensed to extract from the Uley South Basin may be reduced from 7.2 gigaligtres (7.2 billion litres) a year to 3.5 gigalitres (3.5 billion litres), with no water to be extracted from Lincoln Basin and Uley Wanilla Lens, which currently enable peak demands to be met during summer months. If this occurs, we will not have enough water from existing River Murray and groundwater sources to meet current levels of demand from the community. A seawater desalination plant will offset declining groundwater availability; however we need to maintain a level of supply to the region until this new water source is available. A desalination plant will mean we can provide a long term supply of safe, clean drinking water to our Eyre Peninsula customers at the current volumes and meet growth needs.

At the time of publishing this plan, full details for primary producers were not available. The plan will be updated with this additional information in early 2025.

The increase in water demand will exceed current available supply and we cannot continue to sustainably extract water from existing groundwater sources at the current rate.

These last two paragraphs concern me the most, in that agriculture consumes 38 % of the water on Eyre peninsula , and yet full details on how water restrictions will affect primary producers is yet to come. Water for livestock and also spray applications through boomsprays for crop production is a vital part of the financial contribution agriculture makes on Eyre Peninsula. Being able to plan ahead for water restrictions is going to be huge task, as we will need to look at all the options of water harvest, rain collection, water storage, moving water to where its needed. Its a complicated question for farmers to be asked, where can you reduce your water consumption? There are no easy answers. Livestock consume water, with water restrictions, it will influence livestock numbers surely. Broadacre cropping consumes water for spray applications, we will compromise the efficacy of each job if water rates are reduced due to restrictions. The suggestion to use 60 lts/ha will not do the job !(Extract from report below)

Farm water use

• Proactively reduce water use on farm where possible. • Investigate additional rainwater tanks, HDPE-lined trench storage, and sheeted catchments. • Reduce water use for each crop spray wherever possible (e.g. 60 litres of water per hectare). • Install smart meter, additional on-farm meters, extra leak detection units.

There will be some tough decisions to be made for agriculture on Eyre Peninsula in the future.





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