

Tod Reservoir – deserves an answer

Member for Flinders, Peter Treloar is calling on Water Minister Paul Caica to investigate whether the Tod Reservoir can be used as a water resource for the Eyre Peninsula.

Minister Caica will visit the Tod Reservoir tomorrow to inspect the site and hear from the community firsthand about the issues surrounding this water catchment and storage facility.

Minister Caica's visit is in response to a question raised by Mr Treloar in Parliament last year asking why heavy winter rainfalls had not been directed into the Tod Reservoir which has not been operational since 2002.

Mr Treloar said that with Eyre Peninsula's main water supply sources being drawn from the southern basins, it is vital that the largest reservoir on Eyre Peninsula, the Tod Reservoir, is again considered as a possible water source after years in decline.

"The Tod Reservoir has the capacity to provide between two and three gigalitres of water per year to Eyre Peninsula but it appears that Labor is unwilling to even consider the option of rehabilitating this vital water source," Mr Treloar said.

"I understand there are engineering and salinity issues surrounding the reservoir, however, an investigation is warranted to determine its future role as a water resource for the peninsula.

"It is unbelievable that the Eyre Peninsula remains on level three water restrictions when other areas that rely on the River Murray have had the restrictions lifted.

"The community deserves an answer to water security for the future."