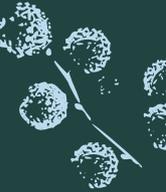




# NATURE-BASED TOURISM

## Myponga

### *Reservoir Reserve*



**A series of guiding principles have been developed to help potential applicants of the Nature-based Tourism Co-investment Fund (NBTCoIF) understand how to structure their proposals in ways that support water quality and protect and enhance the catchment, to ensure the ongoing safety of the drinking water sourced from Myponga Reservoir.**

#### **Accommodation**

For on-site accommodation, we are required by the Department for Health and Wellbeing to manage the risk of contaminants entering the reservoir water.

This is achieved by ensuring a minimum distance between the location of infrastructure and/or activities being undertaken. In the case of Myponga Reservoir Reserve, a minimum distance of 100 metres from the reservoir is required.

The following controls will be required:

- physical infrastructure that discourages access to the water at night – e.g. signage, screening or fencing
- designing and locating infrastructure to make it challenging for people to access the water – e.g. located on a hill with fencing or on the side of a steep embankment
- surveillance with motion cameras to detect activity on the shoreline and water, capable of issuing electronic alerts to SA Water
- on-site showers and bathing facilities to maintain personal hygiene and deter people from entering the water. Penalties apply to anyone caught swimming, and the provider of the facilities will be required to ensure guests understand this condition.

#### **Waste Management**

All waste is required to be removed from the site. A waste management system should include a contained effluent system with ongoing waste removal activity.

Any system proposed, including a septic system, will require the approval of the Department for Health and Wellbeing.

All proposals need to allow for their own waste management system. The existing SA Water systems are reserved for public access use.

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## Access

Access and egress will be available from existing gates to enable 24-hour access for accommodation guests. Accommodation providers are required to meet the cost of keys and locks as specified by SA Water. If the gates are left open and SA Water are called out, associated call out costs will be charged.

## Total Fire Ban Days

The Myponga Reservoir Reserve is in a high-risk rated fire danger area, as defined by the Country Fire Services. The reservoir reserve will be closed to the public on Total Fire Ban Days.

Guests staying in on-site accommodation will be required to leave the reservoir reserve on all Catastrophic Total Fire Ban Days.

On days that are rated as Severe and Extreme Total Fire Ban Days, but are not rated Catastrophic, accommodation guests may remain on-site where the accommodation is provided, but are not free to access the broader public access area in the reservoir reserve or the activities that may be available within e.g kayaking or hiking. Accommodation providers will be required to have Fire Management Plans that provide for these requirements. It is permitted for guests to drive in and out via specified reservoir reserve access roads unless otherwise advised.

Accommodation facilities must comply with the bushfire development [code](#), as part of all development approvals.

## Licence Terms

SA Water will enter into a Licence Agreement with successful applicants under terms that include, but will not be limited to, the guidelines set out in this document.

A licence fee will be set based on the nature of the activity, the amount of land set aside for the activity and the costs expected to be incurred by SA Water.

The maximum term of a licence agreement will be nine years, comprising an initial three years with two three-year extension periods.

**You're encouraged to contact SA Water to discuss your proposal. Any discussions with SA Water will take place in accordance with the NBTCoIF guidelines.**

**The guiding principles will be updated occasionally by SA Water as new information becomes available.**

**For any questions or further information, please email [reservoirs@sawater.com.au](mailto:reservoirs@sawater.com.au)**

**A map of Myponga Reservoir Reserve, detailing the existing facilities, operational zones and the area open to the public, can be viewed [here](#).**

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