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**LABOR'S PLAN TO FIX SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S URBAN RIVERS AND
CATCHMENTS**

An Albanese Labor Government will work with councils and community groups to fix up our urban waterways across Adelaide – restoring precious habitat and creating valuable recreational spaces for local communities.

Adelaide's riverside parks and reserves provide places for people to enjoy the outdoors, exercise, walk the dog, teach the kids to ride their bikes, and more.

Fixing up our waterways and the catchment areas around them will give people access to a better quality of living, helping to make public spaces healthy and pollution-free so they can be enjoyed by kids and families.

In partnership with local councils, community and other organisations, Labor will invest more than \$13.22 million to support a range of projects across the Onkaparinga, Port and Sturt River catchments, as well as the Brownhill and Pedler creek.

Labor's \$13.22 million investment in urban waterways in South Australia will help boost the impact of the action community groups and councils are taking to clean up local waterways for our community to enjoy.

Sturt River

An Albanese Labor Government will provide more than \$700,000 to improve water quality and restore the riverbank along the Sturt River, including at Riverside Drive Reserve and the Oxbow.

Sturt River - Warrappendi Biodiversity Project - \$407,259

An Albanese Labor Government will invest \$407,259, partnering with the Cities of Marion and Holdfast Bay in collaboration with SA Water and the Friends of Warriparinga to improve the condition of the Sturt River drainage corridor.

The project will:

- enhance the green corridor, providing a new biodiversity corridor.
- deliver over 8000m² of native grasses and over 16,500m² of woodland species.
- protect existing remnant vegetation.
- remove weeds and invasive species.

Riverside Drive creek stabilisation and improvement

An Albanese Labor Government will invest \$250,000 in this project, partnering with the Mitcham councils to:

- Stabilise erosion being experienced along the Riverside Drive section of the Sturt River.
- Remove woody weed.
- Plant native species to both the amenity of the area and contribute to improved riverbank stability.

Restoring the Oxbow

An Albanese Labor Government will invest \$48,000, partnering with the Friends of Warriparinga and the Marion Council to restore this key section of the Sturt River by :

- removing weeds and invasive trees.
- stabilising the riverbanks.
- replanting with appropriate species.

For 30 years, Friends of Warriparinga have worked in conjunction with Kurna groups and City of Marion to re-establish the original River environment.

Recent road works associated with the Southern Expressway have disturbed the river, introduced new weeds and pollution, and the loss of many plantings.

This program of work will address the critically important oxbow section adjoining the Living Kurna Cultural Centre and the areas most visited by school groups and the public.