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BLUE AND YELLOW SHOW FIRE FIGHTERS THE WAY TO WATER

A \$2.8 million project is being rolled out across South Australia to identify more than 130,000 fireplugs and make them more visible for fire fighters.

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald says the new marking system is making it easier to detect fireplugs that are linked to water mains.

“Many people who drive around Adelaide may have been wondering what the new blue cat eye markers and brightly painted yellow lids on the road signify,” Minister Maywald said.

“SA Water undertook successful trials for the new system and both the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service and the Country Fire Service have endorsed the new system.

“Quick access to water is obviously essential in combating fires and so this project will be a boost to our State’s fire fighting efforts.

“The blue cat eyes are a reflective system, making them more visible at night and SA Water is working with the CFS and MFS to develop a new style of marker for regional areas.”

The new design for metropolitan and country urban sites is a blue reflective marker placed on the road surface, slightly off centre, with the fireplug lid painted yellow and a solid yellow line painted along the edge of the road defining parking restrictions.

The new marking system will replace the white post and red cap marker and the installation is expected to be complete across the State by the end of 2008.