



# Media Release



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## **ForestrySA makes \$500,000 investment in fire safety**

A \$500,000 investment in fire safety will ensure ForestrySA is prepared for the threat of bushfire this summer.

Eight new water tanks will be stationed within the Green Triangle Region and one each in Wirrabara and Mount Crawford, replacing equipment which is close to 30 years old.

The tanks are made from stainless steel, slide easily onto the back of trucks and have the capacity to carry 10,500 litres of water – enough to fill three Fire Kings.

They can carry 2000 litres more water than the previous fibre glass design, according to Fleet Manager Kevin Brown.

“They are completely compatible with the old model, which means fire crews using them will notice no operational differences. However, they are much easier to use,” he said.

“They also have a remote-start water pump, which means they can be started from the cabin or from outside of the vehicle.

“A new safety mechanism also sprays water on top of the cabin for increased crew protection.”

The recent investment is the final step in a long-term plan to upgrade ForestrySA fire fighting resources, which began with the replacement of RFW fire trucks with state-of-the-art Fire Kings.

Green Triangle Region Operations Manager Greg Saunder said the tanks formed an integral part of ForestrySA’s suppression system.

“They are utilised alongside Fire Kings to provide water to the trucks, at or close to the fire line,” he said.

“This minimises the time the Fire Kings need to stop actively fire fighting, and therefore maximise the fire fighting effort.”

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### **Photographs attached:**

**1** - Fleet Manager Kevin Brown with one of the new tanks at the ForestrySA Gambier Districts Depot. Photograph courtesy of ForestrySA.

**2** – The 10,500 litre, stainless steel tanks slide quickly and easily onto the back of a truck. Photograph courtesy of ForestrySA.

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