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### **\$4.5 MILLION 'GREEN' MFS STATION AT SEAFORD OFFICIALLY OPENS**

A brand new 'green' Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) station will be officially opened at Seaford in Adelaide's south today.

Minister for Emergency Services, Michael Wright will inspect the state of the art facility at 41 Seaford Road, Seaford at Noon Today.

"This \$4.5 million facility together with its 22 full-time MFS fire-fighters and equipment will provide an important service to residents, businesses, nursing homes and industries in and around the southern suburbs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."

"It's an extremely modern facility incorporating a number of environmentally sustainable design initiatives, making the Seaford fire station one of the most energy efficient, fully staffed fire stations in Australia."

"The completion of the Seaford station brings the total number of MFS stations in Adelaide and regional South Australia to 37," Minister Wright said.

The layout maximises the use of natural light and ventilation, and has a high thermal-energy rating to reduce heating and cooling requirements. Materials used, such as internal polished brick, reduces the frequency and cost of ongoing maintenance for the facility.

Local members who've advocated for the new station, Minister for the Southern Suburbs, John Hill and member for Mawson, Leon Bignall MP will also attend today's opening ceremony.

Chief Officer of the MFS, Grant Lupton said, "This new fully staffed fire station at Seaford is an important asset for local communities and will assist the safety and wellbeing of both residents and visitors to the area.

"The building has been designed with a 50 year minimum asset life and allows for a potential expansion in staffing capacity, should the need arise," Chief Officer Lupton said.

The new 'green' fire station assists in reducing the energy footprint through a number of initiatives, including:

- Photovoltaic solar panels providing 12 kilowatts of power installed and grid-connected, enabling any surplus power generated to be returned to the electricity network
- A solar powered hot water system
- Water recycling initiatives including the use of rainwater for both garden irrigation and in toilets are incorporated into the building.

“Since 2002, the Government has seen the delivery of five new MFS stations at Elizabeth, Golden Grove, Beulah Park, Paradise and now Seaford. A replacement fire station is currently being constructed at Port Lincoln and should open later in the year.”

“I’d like to wish the Seaford MFS fire-fighters every success as they respond to the needs of their local community.” Minister Wright said.