

Silver lining in water cuts

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WATER restrictions may be a bane for farmers, sporting clubs and house holders but enterprising businesses are making the most of a bad situation with Australian ingenuity.

The results also are set to be seen all around the world.

The South Australian Cricket Association is counting on a revolutionary South Australian designed filtration system to save more than \$60,000 in water bills this summer.

In previous summers water from the Torrens River has been so polluted and salty it could not be used on Adelaide's hallowed turf.

The recently installed filtration unit, developed by Hdyrosmart, will allow curator Les Burdett to water the oval with water drawn from the river all year round.

It uses computer generated audio frequencies to break down minerals such as salt. Costing \$11,500, it is expected to save 80 per cent of the oval's mains water bill each year.

The filter-free treated water is also set to make the world-class turf even better this season, Mr Burdett said.

"The new system should prove to be a double whammy as it will not only save water but produce a quality of water that is more grass friendly," he said.

"It's not only good news that such technology has been developed; it's great that it is being generated in South Australia."