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KEEPING wastewater away from the river and developing the evidence base is behind a new environmental initiative on the east side of Murray Bridge.

Murray Bridge East does not currently have access to the provision of SA Water sewer infrastructure or any form of Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS), which means residents can only accommodate wastewater through individual on-site wastewater systems within their properties.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge is currently undertaking a review to determine the level of functionality that existing Eastside wastewater systems have to determine whether there is sufficient justification for the further exploration of communal schemes.

Rural City of Murray Bridge Manager Development and Regulation Geoff Parsons said this review will involve inspection of hundreds of East Side septic systems, to clarify current and future wastewater need on the eastern side of the river.

These inspections will result in the development of an evidence base including a report mapping existing wastewater systems as a precursor to future consideration of management options.

"We are undertaking the study to build the evidence base and assist our understanding of the issues, and whether there should be further investigations into alternate solutions for wastewater management on Eastside," he said.

"It has nothing to do with potential rezoning, SA Housing development, future decisions around development opportunities or minimum allotment sizes – all of which are not contemplated within the scope of this study."

The study will record types of septic systems on properties, their condition and property capacity to accommodate another onsite system in the event of existing system failure.

The Council is also collecting data on existing approvals and whether aerobic wastewater systems, which require quarterly monitoring by a licenced contractor, are being maintained appropriately.

The Council contact for the review project is Senior Environmental Health Officer Ms Caroline Thomas who can be contacted on 08 8539 1100 or by email at c.thomas@murraybridge.sa.gov.au