

# LED LIGHTING COMES TO MARION

## Frequently asked questions



- **Why are the old street lights being replaced?**
  - Street lights are necessary for public safety, but are expensive to run
  - Transitioning to LED lighting will reduce electricity and maintenance costs by an average of \$500,000 per year
- **How does LED lighting compare to old technology?**
  - New lights will be 82 per cent more efficient than the old lights
  - There won't be as much light spill into properties
  - Light is spread more evenly and improves visibility
- **Which company is installing the lights?**

SA Power Networks have been contracted to manage the roll out which is being undertaken by Everen.
- **Who owns and manages street lights?**

SA Power Networks own and operate the lights as a service to council
- **What about lights on the main roads**
  - Lights on main roads are the responsibility of the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure and not included in this project
- **Can residents request additional street lights?**

People concerned that street lighting is below standard or would like to ask about additional lights can call Council's Customer Service team on 8375 6600
- **How do I report a fault or concerns about LED street lights?**

Visit the SA Power Networks website [www.sapowernetworks.com.au](http://www.sapowernetworks.com.au) or call 13 12 61

### Carbon trading

- Marion, Mitcham and Charles Sturt Councils have also joined forces to become the first local government consortium in Australia to benefit from the creation and sale of Australian carbon credits from LED street lighting
- A carbon credit is a credit for greenhouse emissions that have been removed from the atmosphere as a result of an emissions reduction scheme – like LED lighting
- Carbon credits are sold to either private buyers such as large corporate entities or via the Federal Government Emissions Reduction Fund auction.
- Companies that buy carbon credits are essentially compensating for the emissions they generate

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- Replacing the old and inefficient street lights will result in Marion Council selling up to \$11,000 worth of carbon credits each year.

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