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DESAL ALTERNATIVE FOR PORT ELLIOT SHOW

The Democrats will be demonstrating a practical alternative to desal at the Port Elliot show on Saturday.

“We will be showing people a solar still, an SA invention” said Senate candidate Ruth Russell.”

“It turns salt water into fresh water with no greenhouse emissions and very low running costs. And it is a quarter of the capital cost of reverse osmosis desal.”

“A small solar still can produce drinking water for individual farms or households”, said Democrat candidate for Mayo Andrew Castrique.

“Larger solar stills to be used by irrigators, vineyards and dairy farmers in Mayo to desalinise Murray water.”

“A lot of country people will like the fact that they can control this technology instead of relying on corporates and bureaucrats for their water,” said Ms Russell.

“The solar still is an example of the Democrats practical approach to sustainability. It is not the total solution to our water problems but it can play an important role and we can start using it now,” she concluded.

For examples of the solar still see <http://www.solarwaterpurifier.com/>

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