

SECURING NEW WATER SUPPLIES



Water for the Future is the government's plan to secure the long-term water supply for all Australians.

This includes investing in new water supplies that don't rely entirely on rainfall, updating infrastructure to reduce water waste, and helping households save water in their everyday lives.

WATER FOR THE FUTURE – NATIONAL URBAN WATER AND DESALINATION PLAN

**Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
Australian Taxation Office**

- Invests in urban water infrastructure through a \$1 billion National Urban Water and Desalination Plan, which will help secure the water supplies for Australian households and businesses.
- Provides grants or tax credits to support major desalination projects, water recycling and stormwater harvesting projects for cities with populations of 50,000 people or more.
- Focuses on major projects that make a significant contribution to securing water supplies. Projects must have a minimum capital cost of \$30.0 million.
- Tax credits or grants will be provided up to a value of ten per cent of capital costs, capped at a maximum \$100.0 million per project.
- Includes funding of \$20.0 million over five years for the establishment of a centre of excellence in desalination technology in Perth, and \$20.0 million over five years for the establishment of a centre of excellence in water recycling in Brisbane.

WATER FOR THE FUTURE – NATIONAL WATER SECURITY PLAN FOR CITIES AND TOWNS

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Increases the security of water supplies for cities and towns in Australia, invests in more efficient water infrastructure, and refurbishes older pipes and water systems.
- Provides \$254.8 million over five years to invest in refurbishing pipes, stormwater capture projects, recycled water and water treatment plants, and building pipelines to deliver recycled water to major sporting fields and community recreation areas.
- Includes \$4.6 million to the Sunshine Coast Growth Corridor – Coolum Ridges water recycling demonstration project which will harvest and treat roof-water, returning it to the town supply system.
- Contributes \$0.2 million to the first stage of a water management plan for the Peel Harvey Catchment Council, which will provide water reuse options for the entire population.

GLENELG TO ADELAIDE PARKLANDS REUSE SCHEME

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Irrigates Adelaide's Parklands using recycled water from the Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant, with funding of \$30.2 million to be provided from the Water for the Future - National Urban Water and Desalination Plan.
- Reduces the use of up to 2 billion litres per year of drinking water which is currently used for irrigation.

WATER FOR THE FUTURE – TAKING EARLY ACTION

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Brings forward \$400.0 million⁷ in funding under Water for the Future to take urgent action in the Murray-Darling Basin.
- Delivers water efficiency measures and increases funds available to purchase water to put back in the river.
- Implements the commitment to improve water efficiency in the Murray-Darling Basin.
- Funds hotspots assessments to identify and address leaky main line distribution channels.

WATER FOR THE FUTURE – WATER EFFICIENCY – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Delivers funding for water efficiency projects outside the Murray-Darling Basin by bringing forward \$35.0 million into 2007-08 under Water for the Future.
- Supports the innovative Harvey Water Piping Project in Western Australia, which will help irrigators minimise water loss through seepage and evaporation, saving 17 billion litres of water which will become available to Perth for urban use.

⁷ The \$400 million includes \$15.2 million brought forward through Additional Estimates (*Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2007-08: The Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Portfolio, page 24*).



