

## Media Release

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### Water Secure For Poowong, Loch and Nyora

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018, water from the Lance Creek Water Connection pipeline is scheduled for supply to Poowong, Loch and Nyora by South Gippsland Water.

South Gippsland Water Managing Director Philippe du Plessis said “This is a major milestone for our project team and contractors; reaching the final stage of South Gippsland’s largest water infrastructure project is the culmination of many years of dedicated planning and construction.”

“Significantly, the switch over to this secure water supply means that Poowong, Loch and Nyora will enter their first summer in some years without the looming prospect of water restrictions”.

Although the water supply switches over on Thursday, with residual water still in the system, it will take some days for 100% new water to reach 100% of households.

By the end of the week, customers will receive water that is [currently] being supplied by both the Lance Creek reservoir and the Melbourne Supply System.

“The water is blended and treated at the Lance Creek Water Treatment Plant and then transported through 21km of pipeline to Korumburra’s treated water storage tanks,” explained Mr du Plessis. “If needed, top-up treatment can occur before the water is pumped an additional 8.8km to a treated water storage tank at Poowong.”

Water supplied by the Lance Creek Water Connection is chloraminated and fluoridated to meet Department of Health requirements and world class standards.

Whilst fluoridation is new for Poowong, Loch and Nyora, customers in these townships are well-used to a chloraminated water supply. Aquarium owners are reminded that, as has been recommended practice previously, chloraminated tap water will need additional conditioning to make it safe for use in fish tanks.

“The Lance Creek Water Connection has been a priority project for both the Victorian Government and South Gippsland Water,” confirmed Mr du Plessis. “Providing water security gives local businesses the confidence to grow and provides a dependable environment for community development and future investment within the region.”

Customers are encouraged to discuss any questions or concerns they may have regarding the new water supply or treatment processes by calling the South Gippsland Water Customer Service Team on **1300 851 636**.

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Photos: See over page.



Members of the Lance Creek Water Connection project team with the newly commissioned pumps that will transfer an average of 800 KL water per day from Korumburra to Poowong. L:R Simon Chen Simpson Construction Company . Chris Hindle, Nathan Lucas, Glen Baldwin, Mark Lynch and Dean De Menech of South Gippsland Water



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