
Securing Northern Towns Water Supply Gets State Funding

South Gippsland Water is pleased that the South Gippsland Water Security Project was successful in receiving funding through this year's State Government budget process.

The project is a key component in South Gippsland Water's long-term strategy to secure water supply for the region over the next 50 years.

"This is an important project for the northern towns in South Gippsland," said South Gippsland Water's Chair, David Schultz. "Current catchment yields will reduce over time and will not meet the region's future demand for water."

The South Gippsland Water Security Project will result in the Coalition Creek Water Supply System (Korumburra) and the Little Bass Water Supply System (Poowong, Loch and Nyora) being connected to South Gippsland Water's largest supply system, Lance Creek.

The Lance Creek supply system has the capacity to tap into the Melbourne Water Supply System for use during water shortages or when water quality issues arise.

"This 3-year project is a priority in South Gippsland Water's long-term strategy for a secure water supply for Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora," explained Mr Schultz. "The infrastructure installed as part of the project will also allow for the future connection of Leongatha to the network."

"Minister Neville's funding announcement is a welcome boost to securing water for the townships of Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora. The project which will provide a dependable environment for community development, economic growth and future investment," added Mr Schultz.

Korumburra based dairy processing company, Burra Foods' Chief Financial Officer, Murray de Jong said, "We welcome Minister Neville's decision to approve the funding to complete South Gippsland Water Security Project. This announcement marks a significant step for water security in the South Gippsland region, including for Burra Foods.

"As one of the largest employers in the region, we can now continue with our commitment to further investing in infrastructure that improves efficiencies and delivers flow-on benefits to the local community."

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