

Media Release

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Changed Water Supply And Treatment For Pipeline

With construction nearing completion on the Lance Creek Water Connection project, water will soon flow from the Lance Creek Supply System to Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora. Construction of the pipeline is a key Victorian Government water security project that will connect these townships to South Gippsland Water's largest reservoir, Lance Creek, and to the Melbourne Water Supply System.

Phillipe du Plessis, Managing Director for South Gippsland Water said, "The new water supply to Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora will be chloraminated and fluoridated, ensuring customers are supplied with drinking water that meets world-class standards and Department of Health regulations."

Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson, already part of the Lance Creek Supply System, have had chloraminated and fluoridated water for many years now but, as a result of their connection to the pipeline, Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora are new to this combination of water treatment.

"The fluoridation of water supply is a requirement of the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services for dental and overall health purposes and is regulated by the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2003*," confirmed Mr du Plessis. "Chloramination is one of the most commonly used treatment agents in the processing of safe drinking water."

A chloraminated water supply is new for Korumburra customers; all other towns connected to the Lance Creek Supply System are well used to the treatment process. Chloramine is not harmful to land animals or house plants, however, certain levels may be harmful to aquarium fish. It is important for aquarium and fish tank owners to treat tap water to remove chloramines before adding it to an aquarium or pond.

Chloramines are generally removed using aquarium water conditioning agents containing a de-chlorinating agent, or by filtration through high-quality granular activated carbon. Local pet shops, vets or aquarium retailers are able to provide further information in regards to a range of treatment options that will make chloraminated tap water safe for aquarium fish.

"Connection to the Lance Creek Supply System will not only ensure that water security replaces water restrictions for Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora, it will provide a dependable environment for community development, economic growth and future investment within the region," added Mr du Plessis.

Commissioning of the pipeline will result in the Lance Creek Water Supply System delivering an average of 8 million litres of water per day to around 60% of South Gippsland Water's customers.

To find out more about the Lance Creek Water Connection and to receive regular updates, visit the Project page at www.sgwater.com.au. Also follow us on Facebook and Twitter @SthGippsWater

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Additional information

Water treatment processes	EXISTING SUPPLY			NEW SUPPLY
	Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Cape Paterson	Korumburra	Poowong, Loch, Nyora	All towns connected to Lance Creek Supply System
Chlorination	-	Y	-	-
Chloramination	Y	-	Y	Y
Fluoridation	Y	-	-	Y