
TAKE2 Climate Change Pledge

South Gippsland Water is committed to tackling climate change, joining thousands of Victorians who have made the TAKE2 pledge.

Delivered by Sustainability Victoria, TAKE2 is the state's collective climate change program supporting individuals, government, business and other organisations to help our state keep temperature rise under two degrees and achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

South Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Philippe du Plessis said, "We take our commitment to improving environmental outcomes and minimising our carbon footprint seriously."

South Gippsland Water pledges to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2025 and to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

"This commitment is embedded into our corporate vision so that policies and strategies for operations and service delivery are aligned to ensure we fulfil our pledge," confirms Mr du Plessis.

Guided by a robust sustainability strategy, South Gippsland Water has been progressively implementing key projects that meld business outcomes with environmental action.

"We have been implementing energy efficiencies such as changing to LED security lighting at multiple worksites across the region, trialling low energy aeration of wastewater lagoon systems, and investment in solar panels where viable," Mr du Plessis explained.

A 75kW behind-the-meter solar installation at South Gippsland Water's Inverloch sewer pump station was commissioned mid-last year. The array of 278 solar panels, serviced by 3 inverters, produces 87% of the site's energy, saving 96,707kg of carbon dioxide gases per year, making the site greener and more financially viable into the future.

Solar power, purchasing green power and accredited carbon offsets, collaborative renewable energy projects and investing in energy efficiencies are all on the list of priorities for South Gippsland Water to investigate.

"Our action in this space will assist the Victorian water sector in achieving the target of net zero emissions by 2050 and will bring both financial and environmental benefits to our business," added Mr du Plessis.

Visit the TAKE2 website, take2.vic.gov.au, make the pledge and make a difference to help Victoria reach net zero by 2050.

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Six banks of panels make up the 75kW system