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Be Smart, Choose Tap - A Good Choice For The Environment

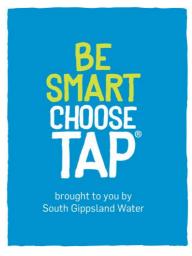
Having a water bottle handy to keep yourself hydrated has great health benefits. Refilling your water bottle with tap water brings benefits to the environment and to your hip pocket.

According to the *Be Smart Choose Tap* initiative, Australian's spend more than \$600 million a year on bottled water.

This adds up to a lot of plastic that, if not recycled, becomes landfill or can end up polluting the environment.

On average, one bottle of purchased, packaged water can cost the same as 6,000 glasses of water from the tap!

Refilling your drink bottle from the tap is a sensible and sustainable choice to make.



South Gippslanders are fortunate to have reticulated water supply systems that provide quality tap water; water that originates from picturesque rivers and creeks, and catchments of rolling green hills.

The water is treated to ensure it meets Australia's national drinking water standards.

This means that South Gippsland Water's customers, and visitors to the region, can be assured that drinking tap water in South Gippsland is a healthy choice for themselves, their families and for the environment.

When you have access to top-quality drinking water, it makes sense to fill your drink bottle from the tap.

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