



WATER PLAN 2 YEARS ON

The Victorian Government Water Plan is securing our water future in light of challenges facing the state from increased population, drought and climate change. Through a series of projects, Victoria's water infrastructure is being upgraded, rainfall independent sources of water are being developed and conservation efforts are being encouraged among industry and residential water users.

2 Years On, this update outlines the progress of the various projects – some have been completed and some are still underway. All are securing our water future.

Our Water Our Future

A Victorian Government initiative



Wimmera – Mallee Pipeline

A network of pipes in regional Victoria that will connect to existing systems, expected to save around 103 billion litres a year from 2010. This project will supply water to 7,000 rural customers and 36 towns across a region that covers almost 10 per cent of Victoria.

Goldfields Superpipe

Was successfully completed in May 2008 and has the capacity to deliver up to 18 billion litres of drinking water a year to Ballarat and up to 20 billion litres a year to Bendigo.

Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project

Upgrading the old leaky and inefficient irrigation systems in our food bowl region. This will save up to 425 billion litres each year once complete, with 80 per cent staying in the north for farmers and rivers.

Sugarloaf Pipeline

This is an important new addition to Victoria's water grid and will connect Melbourne's water supply system with the Goulburn River system. It will be complete in 2010, delivering 75 billion litres of water to Melbourne from several sources.

Eastern Treatment Plant Upgrade

More than 100 billion litres of recycled water will be available for use after 2012.

Tarago Reservoir Reconnection

Is now complete and will deliver around 15 billion litres of water to Melbourne each year.

Desalination Plant

Australia's largest desalination plant will supply around 150 billion litres of water a year to Melbourne from the end of 2011. It will be capable of providing around a third of Melbourne's annual water supply from a source that is independent of rainfall. Work has already begun on the project, which will include an 84km transfer pipeline to Cardinia Reservoir and offsetting electricity use with renewable energy.

Melbourne – Geelong Pipeline

Will be complete by 2011. The pipeline will deliver up to 16 billion litres of water each year to Geelong, which is close to a 50 per cent boost for this important regional centre.

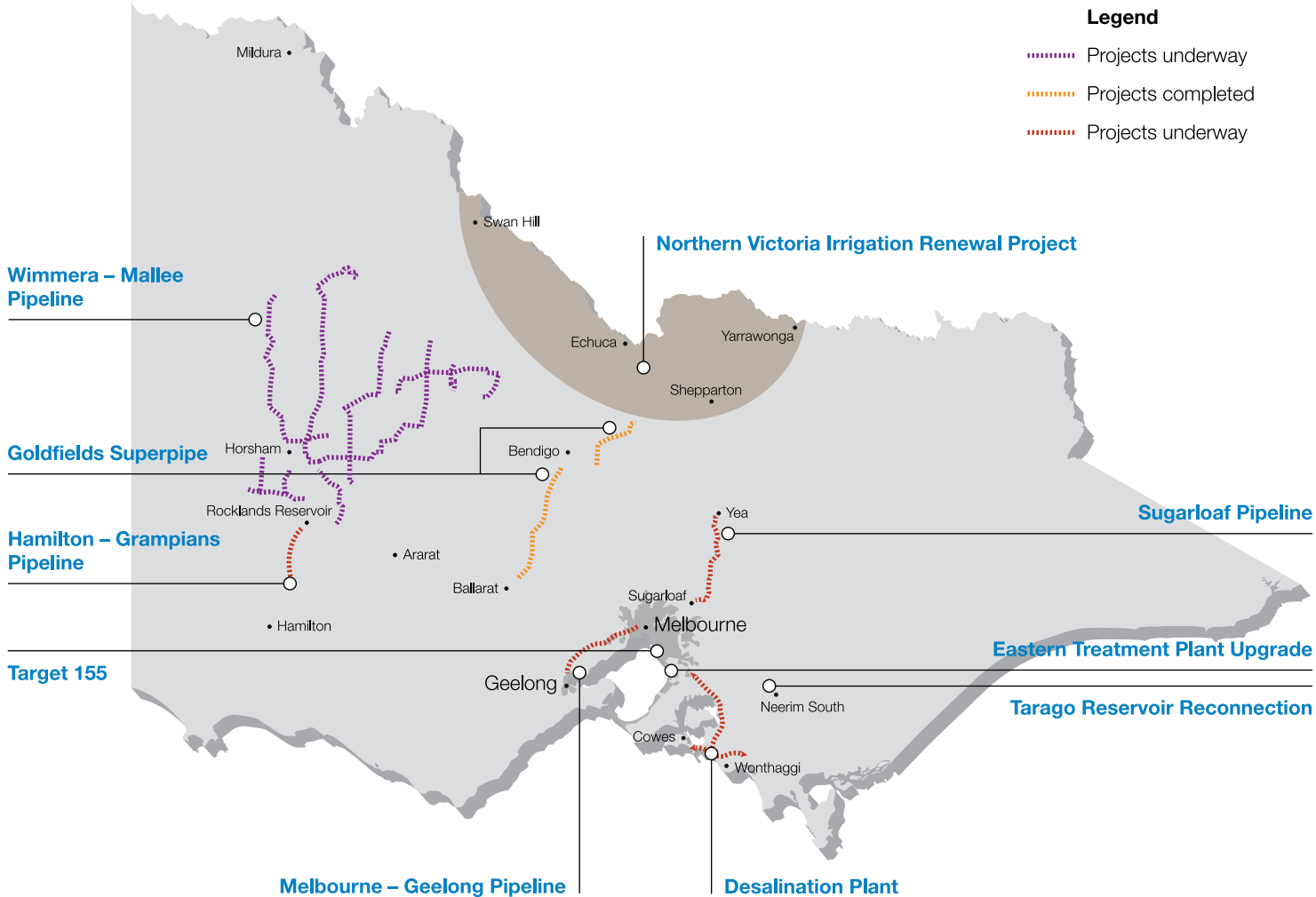
Hamilton – Grampians Pipeline

This pipeline will supply the Hamilton system with up to 2 billion litres of water each year by connecting the Hamilton system to Rocklands Reservoir. It is due to be completed under budget by early 2010.

Target 155

The Melbourne water conservation program has saved around 16 billion litres of water in its first year. In 2008/2009, bulk per person water use has reduced by 39 per cent when compared to the 1990s average.

For more information about the Victorian Government Water Plan, visit ourwater.vic.gov.au



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