

Media Release

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800 LODDON HOMES TO BENEFIT FROM WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE

The Allan Labor Government is delivering better drinking water for rural northern Victoria, with a major upgrade to the region's water infrastructure now complete.

Minister for Water Harriet Shing recently visited the newly upgraded Laanecoorie Water Treatment Plant – a \$5 million project delivered by Coliban Water as part of Victoria's historic Big Water Build.

More than 800 households in Laanecoorie, Dunolly, Tarnagulla and Bealiba will now benefit from a more efficient and reliable water supply, thanks to the construction of two new water storage tanks with a capacity of over two megalitres, alongside two new water pumps.

The tanks receive and store water from the South West Loddon Pipeline, which is operated by Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water. The completed project marks the final connection between the Coliban Water system and the pipeline.

The Laanecoorie Water Supply Upgrade is part of Coliban Water's \$500 million investment over five years in the Big Water Build - delivering one of the largest capital investment programs in the water authority's history.

For more information about the water infrastructure upgrades across the Bendigo region, visit connect.coliban.com.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Harriet Shing

"Upgrading essential infrastructure like the Laanecoorie Water Treatment Plant ensures we can deliver higher quality, reliable water supplies for our regional communities now and into the future."

Quote attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

"More than 800 households are set to benefit from improved drinking water quality thanks to this important project."

Quote attributable to Coliban Water Managing Director Damian Wells

"Fronting up to the key challenges of climate change, population growth and aging assets shaped our pricing submission in 2023, the Laanecoorie Water Treatment Plant is just one of our Big Water Build projects."

Quote attributable to GWM Water Managing Director Mark Williams

"We're pleased to deliver a high-quality, secure supply of water from the Grampians to even more homes and farms across Victoria, enhancing the liveability and prosperity of our region and the communities we serve."