

Castlemaine Recycled Water

Expression of Interest

A reliable and sustainable water supply for the future is important as our climate becomes hotter and drier. Not only for agricultural use – but to keep our parks and gardens green and sustain our communities into the future.

Improvements in treatment technology have changed how we treat and reuse wastewater. We are preparing to modernise and upgrade our Castlemaine Water Reclamation Plant to ensure it is equipped to face ongoing challenges of population growth and climate change.

As part of these upgrades, we are launching the Castlemaine Recycled Water Initiative, which will offer a reliable and long-term recycled water supply to high-water using businesses and organisations in the area.

It will see recycled water used more widely across the community, providing a sustainable and cost-effective solution.

What is recycled water?

Recycled water is wastewater that's been treated so it can be sustainably reused for other purposes. Throughout our region we treat wastewater at our water reclamation plants and find beneficial ways to reuse the water.

What is the Castlemaine Recycled Water Initiative?

It's an opportunity for high-water users to submit an Expression of Interest to Coliban Water for the purchase and reuse of recycled water. Our plant produces Class B and C recycled water, which can be used to irrigate farms, cropping enterprises, businesses or sports grounds, and agricultural irrigation under Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victorian Guidelines for Water Recycling.

An ideal applicant would:

- be able to clearly articulate their current water use and what a new recycled water supply would be used for, with detail on volumes and quality expected.
- be able to enter into a long-term agreement with us.
- be located within 10km of the Castlemaine Water Reclamation Plant on Langslow Street.

Delivery of recycled water to new locations and customers would depend on the infrastructure required to connect. Expressions of Interest will be received and considered on a case-by-case basis.

Benefits of recycled water



A reliable water source as our climate gets hotter and drier



Duration – this would be part of a long-term agreement with us



Safe for many uses



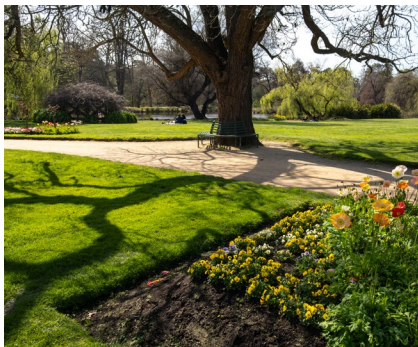
Contributes to the long-term sustainability of our region

Key dates for Expressions of Interest

9am Thursday 1 February to
5pm Thursday 29 February.

How to apply

Apply online at
connect.coliban.com.au/castlemaine-recycled-water-initiative



How recycled water is being used

About 50 ML per year of recycled water is currently reused in Castlemaine, including at the Castlemaine Golf Club. It is also released to Campbells Creek which boosts environmental flows and contributes to supporting a platypus population in the waterway as well as other flora and fauna.

The expression of interest process

1. Apply online at connect.coliban.com.au/castlemaine-recycled-water-initiative between 1 February and 29 February
2. We will be in touch with you after the Expression of Interest period closes
3. We will assess all applications and consider the most suitable applicants
4. We will notify you of the outcome in June.

Frequently asked questions

Is there a cost to become a recycled water customer?

Yes, there is a cost to use recycled water, however it's often cheaper and more cost-efficient than potable water.

Fees and charges for recycled water are available on our website at coliban.com.au/about-us/fees-charges

The cost can vary and is dependent on infrastructure required, management of the supply and any benefits associated with end-use.

What is the length of a recycled water agreement?

Where significant investment is required to supply recycled water to a property, the minimum agreement length is 20 years. Agreement lengths can vary.

How soon could I receive recycled water?

Assessments and in-principle agreements may take several months. Construction of pipes, storage and infrastructure could take several years to complete. Timing of supply will depend on these factors.

Will everyone who registers their interest receive recycled water?

No. We will assess each application and consider its merits, using a transparent and accountable evaluation process.

More information

Please email communications@coliban.com.au with any questions.