

Recommendation 4 Area - Protecting against Drought

Heading	Adequate expenditure to ensure water security during times of drought.
Description	Coliban must prepare for future drought, and increased demand from population growth, through development and planning of water security measures to ensure that all communities have access to water. The cost for the infrastructure to enable this must be factored in with the bill increase.
Reasoning	<p>The majority of panel members recommend option 5 of the bill simulator, to increase the quarterly bill by 1.6% (\$5.39). A significant proportion of responses supported options 4 and 6 (6 and 7 respondents respectively, compared to 16 for option 5).</p> <p>Coliban water is the leading agency regarding water strategy within our region and has the direct connection with consumers. Coliban must be transparent about the costs, how expenditure is used, and what infrastructure is dedicated to provision of water for communities within our region.</p>
What is success?	<p>Success of this recommendation would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">We see an increased communication strategy to educate the community about the actions undertaken by Coliban for water security and the costs involved.We see awareness of reduced water usage, and a sense of responsibility to ensure future water security.We see a reduction of per capita consumption.The implementation of water security infrastructure.

Recommendation 9 Area – Other (aligns with protecting against drought)

Heading	Invest in innovations to ensure future water availability.
Description	Coliban needs to be a leader in driving innovation of new technologies and processes, in collaboration with other water authorities in Victoria. Improvements to leak detection and repair, treatment, catchment volume and storage, are key areas
Reasoning	<p>Ensuring water security affords us the opportunity to use water beyond the scope of essential living purposes and improve the livability of our community and personal well-being.</p> <p>Water is a scarcity, and will continue to be with the drying of the country (50% reduction predicted) while demand increases with population growth.</p>
What is success?	<p>Successful implementation of these innovations will be indicated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Being a leader in the water industry on the investigation and application of new technologies.● Application of appropriate technologies to increase efficiencies in the way we treat and store our resources.● Promoting the new technologies and the improved resource volume.