

# Water for the future

## The water situation across Queensland

With a growing population, the impact of climate change and the worst drought in recorded history, unprecedented demand has been placed on our water supplies. Without additional water supplies, the economy and future quality of life for Queenslanders will be severely affected.

The answer rests with all of us: from individuals to businesses and governments at all levels.

The Queensland Government is implementing the solutions. Billions of dollars in water projects are planned and under construction to increase the supply of water and to improve use of our current water resources - from desalination and recycled water facilities to new dams and pipelines.

The backbone of these projects is the \$9 billion SEQ Water Grid which will connect the major water sources in South East Queensland. It comprises around 400 kilometres of pipeline, a desalination plant, three advanced wastewater treatment plants, two new dams and works on several other water storages. Together this represents the largest urban drought response in Australia. The Water Grid will give us more water and also move water to areas of most need.



We are also looking at better ways to manage and deliver water across the south-east region.

Outside of the south-east corner, the Queensland Government is working to improve water security and support future economic growth in regional Queensland. We are doing this by committing \$420 million into new water storages and ways to move water, plus \$31.5 million for investigations into alternative supply options.

We are also working with local councils to develop solutions.

In this year's State Budget, we are providing \$189 million in council funding to boost water and sewerage infrastructure across the State.

But this work does not happen in isolation. It is also important for us all to reduce the amount of water we each use in our homes and businesses. This is being supported through the 'Target 140' campaign which aims to reduce water use in SEQ down to 140 litres per person per day. We certainly have come a long way in this campaign, but there is some way to go. The Queensland Government is also offering a range of rebate schemes and business support packages across the State to support better water management.

We must recognise that we are all part of the solution. By working together, we can secure our water supplies for the future.

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