

Watershed Victoria was Incorporated 2nd October 2008

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The following was adopted at the commencement of Watershed Victoria in September 2008

***watershed: the point from which water flows; the point of origin
for new, different ideas and change***

'Watershed Victoria' is about change and a new approach to water policy.

We demand due diligence from the Victorian Government by reconsideration of its expensive and polluting water plan "Our Water Our Future" in favor of a socially, economically and environmentally responsible alternative.

Due diligence includes:

- Assessment of all augmentation options including water saving, water harvesting, ground water supply, water recycling and alternative sources.
- Assessments to include supply potential as well as social, economic and environmental comparison of the alternatives.
- Transparent government process including genuine public consultation and public release of all relevant reports.

Watershed Victoria aims to:

- Promote environmentally sustainable and socially responsible water policy in Victoria with a low carbon and economic cost.
- Promote water policy in Victoria which reflects this state's unique climate, natural & manmade features and the effects of impending climate change & population growth.
- Educate Victorians about responsible water policy at an individual, regional and state level.
- Encourage individuals, communities, businesses and governments to make positive changes towards sustainable water policy.
- Work positively with other organizations with similar goals of responsible water policy.
- Ensure Victoria's water and water infrastructure remain in public ownership rather than costly private or public-private-partnership control.
- Ensure that desalination (due to its massive energy, social, economic and environmental cost) is a last resort option, and then only as strategic supply near point of use while considering applicable planning schemes.