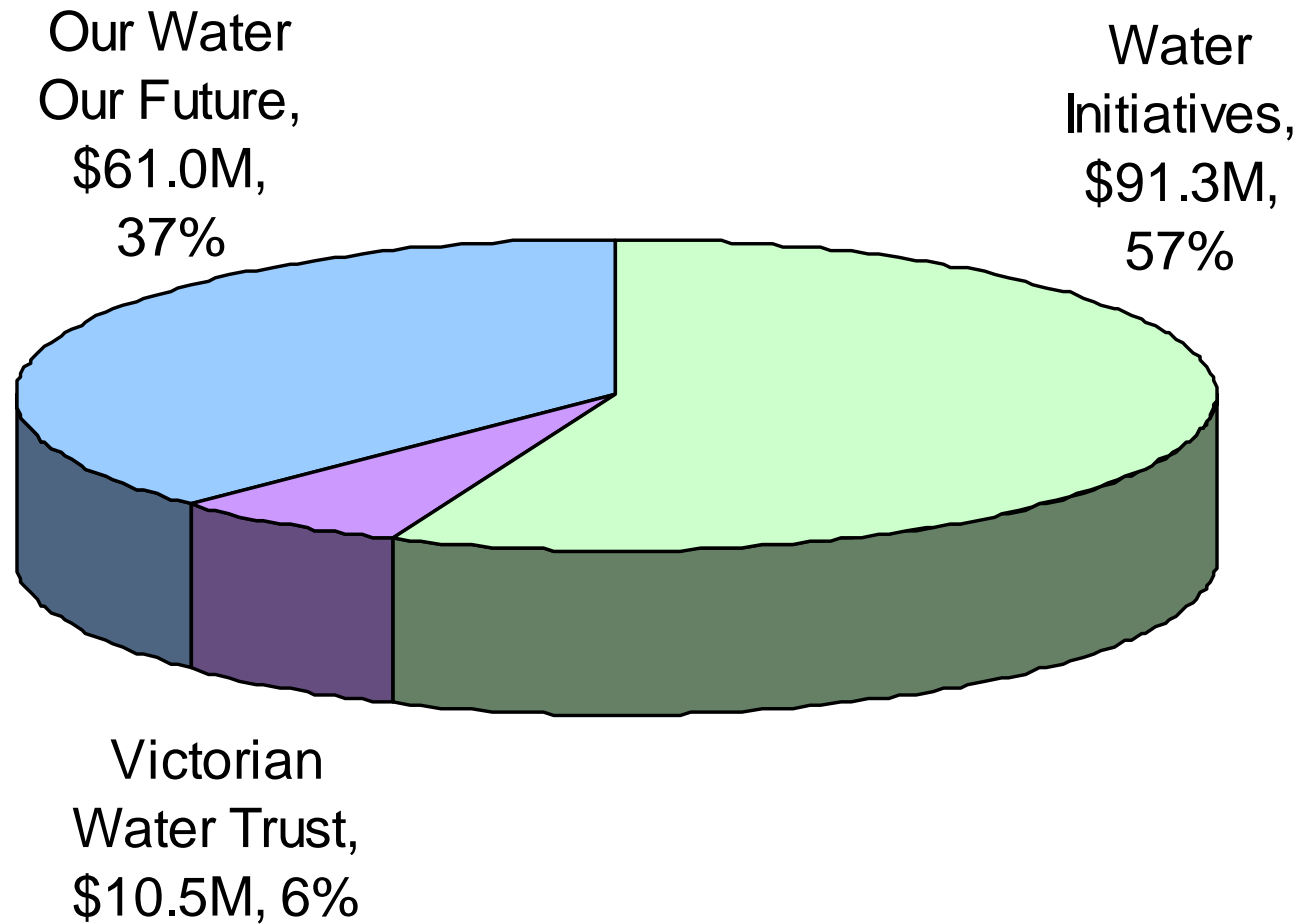




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Resource Allocation for Water



Major Water Projects

Range of major infrastructure projects:

- Wimmera Mallee Pipeline - \$167M
- Eildon Dam wall and spillway upgrade - \$26M
- Channel Automation in Goulburn and Gippsland Regions - \$40M
- Lake Mokoan Decommissioning and Tungamah Pipeline - \$60M
- Stressed River Red Gums – 20+ GI and Barmah-Milawa Allocation 513GI
- Secured entitlement for Environment Thomson:10 GI; Wimmera-Glenelg:40.6 GI.
- Snowy Project water savings targets delivered by July 2005 (Snowy 38 GI; Murray 19 GL)





Major Water Projects (continued)

Continued advances from water saving campaigns and projects:

- Melbourne average per capita consumption in Melbourne reduced by 22%
- Smart Water Fund - \$13M in grants to 75 projects
- Water Smart Gardens and Homes Rebate Scheme – 127,000 rebates saving 1,070 megalitres
- Melbourne's water businesses on track to deliver 20% water recycling target by 2010.
- 39 Water Saver Garden centres established, another 21 to be accredited
- 2005-06 River Heath Strategy targets met - \$18.5M to protect and repair water resources. 200 Kms extra navigable to native fish.

Leading national water reform

- Leading contribution in national forums
- Agreement with South Australia and NSW to expand water trading
- Sales Package for Living Murray - \$115M over 5 years to recover 214GL by 2009
- Agreement reached with other Governments recover 145 GL under Goulburn Murray Recovery Package





Victoria's Water Future

Major initiatives looking to the future, including:

- *Yarra River: Securing Water for a Healthy Future* \$600 million
- *Draft Central Regional Sustainable Water Strategy* 25% reduction in water use by 2015, 30% by 2020
- *Water (Resource Management) Act 2005* – unbundling water entitlements; environmental flows and the Environmental Water Reserve.



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