

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2012

Cardinia Reservoir

Source: Melbourne Water

The Honourable Peter Walsh MP

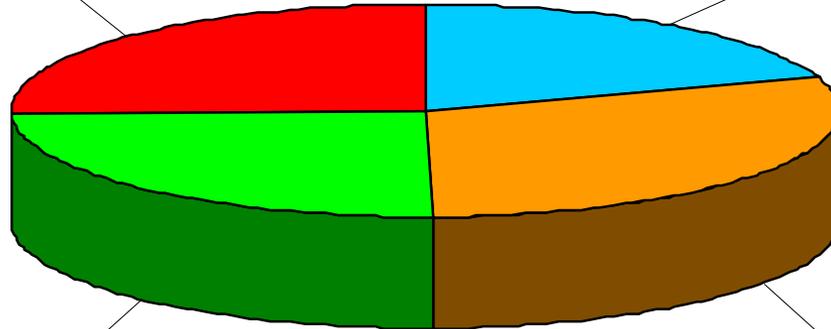
Minister for Water

2012-13 DSE Budget

Output Costs

Effective management
of fire,
\$353.2M

Effective water
management and
supply, \$278.1M



Effective environmental
and climate change
policy, investment and
regulation, \$341.3M

Effective management
of Victoria's land
assets, \$412.4M



Effective Water Management and Supply

Living Melbourne, Living Victoria

- \$10 million will be invested over the next four year's in the Victorian Coalition Government's Living Melbourne, Living Victoria initiative
- Government will establish an Office of Living Victoria to promote improvements to Victoria's urban water usage
- Office of Living Victoria will focus on integrated water management
- Make better use of all of our water resources, including rainwater, stormwater and recycled water

Murray Darling Basin Authority

- \$2.45 million for Coordination of Murray-Darling Basin Plan activities
- \$9.1 million for Murray Darling Basin Authority



Effective Water Management and Supply

\$100M for Improving Waterway Health

Onground Works

- \$59.3 million invested towards physical works to improve the condition of rivers, wetlands and estuaries:
 - construction of fencing alongside riverbanks and wetlands
 - spraying and removal of weeds
 - erosion control
 - riverbank stabilisation
- Works will be undertaken in partnership with CMAs, local stakeholders and landholders

Environmental Water

- \$40.7 million investment in environmental water. This will ensure the effective management, monitoring and reporting of the environmental water reserve and will facilitate the development of water resources



Effective Water Management and Supply

Better Water Management

- \$66.3 million over the next four years to improving water management in Victoria, including
 - improving surface water monitoring and data management
 - enhancing the Victorian water register
 - improving integrated water analysis and reporting
 - simplifying the Bulk Water Entitlements Framework
 - improving water security for food producers while balancing the needs of the environment



Operational Efficiency

- The 2012-13 Budget:
 - \$30 million in 2012-13 in efficiencies for the Environment and Water portfolios
 - efficiencies total approximately \$140 million over four years
- Savings measures focus on:
 - head office and non-service delivery administrative savings
 - professional services and contractors
 - employment agency staffing
 - stocks and materials
 - staff training and development
 - Land Victoria system consolidations and efficiencies
 - Reduction in portfolio wide discretionary grants programs not aligned to government priorities
- The Department will work towards minimising community impacts