

Media Release

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BUILDING ON THE STRENGTH OF VICTORIA'S WATER SECTOR

The Andrews Labor Government is calling for applications for director positions on the boards of Victoria's water corporations and catchment management authorities, with young women and Aboriginal Victorians particularly encouraged to apply.

There are up to 130 board appointments to be filled, with the Labor Government guaranteeing that at least 50 per cent of those roles will be filled by women.

Applicants who are successful will be responsible for guiding Victoria's water organisations through challenges such as climate change, a shifting and growing population, bushfire response and recovery as well as COVID19 response.

An Expressions of Interest process is open to fill the board of Greater Western Water – a new body which will be created in July due to the integration of City West Water and Western Water.

The selection process will be led by an independent panel including Sonia Petering, Joan Liley, Christine Forster Peter Tuohey, Kay Spierings, Tony Nippard and Sally Farrier. It will be chaired by former CEO of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority Ben Hubbard

Water corporations provide a range of services to customers including water supply, sewage and trade waste disposal and treatment, water delivery for irrigation and domestic and stock purposes, drainage, and salinity mitigation services.

Catchment management authorities are responsible for the integrated planning and coordination of land, water and biodiversity management in each catchment and land protection regions.

Expressions of interest for the water corporation and catchment management positions close on Monday, 8 March 2021.

For more information on board vacancies and the expression of interest process, visit getonboard.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Lisa Neville

"In the last few years female representation has risen to 53 per cent for water corporations and 62 per cent for CMAs, while we also now have 11 Aboriginal Victorians on boards compared to none in 2015."

"To be able to meet the challenges of the future – like climate change and a growing population – Victorian water boards need to reflect the diversity of the communities they represent. I encourage interested applicants to apply."

"Water corporations and catchment management authorities play an important role in our communities across the state and I'd encourage people to see if they can support this by taking on leadership positions on their boards."