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VICTORIA'S FIRST GREYWATER RECYCLING SYSTEM TRIAL

The Allan Labor Government is leading the way in smarter water use, trialling Victoria's first advanced greywater recycling system in Geelong to help make the most of every drop of water.

Minister for Water Gayle Tierney today visited Gordon TAFE's to launch the Victorian Advanced Grey Water Recycling System Trial – a \$220,000 research project trialling advanced water saving technology never seen before in Victoria.

The technology, developed in the Netherlands by Hydraloop, can reduce water use by up to 40 percent by taking greywater from showers and taps and treating it for use in toilets, washing machines, and gardens without ever leaving the building.

Hydraloop turns wastewater into a useful resource. It's the first advanced greywater system available in Australia, designed to help homes and businesses save water and reduce bills.

The trial will test seven greywater recycling units in different settings to assess whether this technology can be rolled out across the state to boost water recycling and cut water use.

The demonstration site at the Gordon TAFE features a greywater recycling unit operating in a purpose-built bathroom and laundry, allowing trade students to access the set-up for training, development and testing.

Barwon Water is trialling three units at caravan parks along the Surf Coast and Great Ocean Road, including Australia's first large-sized unit at the Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park. The trial will also assess the technology's viability for at-home use, with Greater Western Water installing Victoria's first in-home system.

All Victorians can do their bit to save water, including making simple changes inside and outside our homes such as taking shorter showers, fixing leaks, washing with full loads, not watering gardens in the heat of the day, and following the Permanent Water Saving Rules.

The project will be delivered by Intelligent Water Networks (IWN) project in partnership with Barwon Water, the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA), Greater Western Water and South East Water.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Gayle Tierney

"This trial shows Victoria's water sector embracing new ideas and working with our TAFEs to build the technology needed for the future."

"New ways to reuse the water from our sinks and showers will have positive impacts for all Victorians - every litre of water we can recycle is one less litre of water coming out of our waterways."

Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Chris Couzens

"This is a great initiative for Geelong – giving Victorians more practical ways to save water and household waste."