NEW LOOK BOARDS TO HELP VICTORIA MEET FUTURE WATER CHALLENGES

Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Lisa Neville today announced the new make-up of Victoria’s water corporation boards.

The renewal of Victoria’s water corporation boards will ensure they are best placed to deal with the challenges posed by changing rainfall patterns, climate change and rapid population growth.

The new boards will also play an important role in helping implement the Andrews Labor Government’s new water policy agenda which includes developing a comprehensive water plan for Victoria and listening and engaging with communities about their water needs and priorities.

This new approach to water management in Victoria will enhance security of supply for householders, industry and the farm sector while working to meet the needs of the environment and recreational users – and considering all sources of water.

Ms Neville congratulated those board members who have been appointed or re-appointed to the boards, and thanked all continuing and departing board members for their service to the water sector and the community.

More than 1400 people expressed interest in joining one of Victoria’s 19 water corporation boards following the expression of interest process announced by Ms Neville in April. The new boards also sees over 50 per cent of board members are women who also fill eight of the 19 chairs positions.

A selection panel appointed by the Minister assessed the applications, interviewed short listed candidates, and recommended candidates. The selection panel was highly credentialed in water policy, governance and management and consisted of Craig Cook, Peter Wilson, Sonia Petering, Joan Liley, Eleanor Underwood and Peter Tuohey.

The new appointments start on 1 October 2015 and the make-up of the new boards can be found at www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Lisa Neville

“The new composition of Victoria’s water corporation boards will better reflect our new approach to water management and will be instrumental in helping deliver the Andrews Labor Government’s water plan.”

“Our priorities include providing investment and security of supply for the irrigation sector, addressing the impacts of climate change, maintaining and improving the health of our rivers and environment and supporting the economic, social and recreational needs of communities across the State.”

“I am delighted to announce that women now make up over half of all water corporation board members, and eight of our 19 chairs will be women – up from three previously.”

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