

# Small Towns Water Quality Fund

## Fact Sheet

### Seeking sustainable solutions for water and sewerage in small communities

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The Victorian Government allocated \$20 million capital under the 2007/2008 State Budget to the Small Town Water Quality Fund [with four proposed rounds of funding, beginning in 2008/2009](#).

The fund will help develop infrastructure in small towns across regional Victoria. Solutions will be proportional to the scale of existing issues and delivered in a sensible and sustainable approach.

Water corporations and rural councils are invited to submit a Registration of Interest and a Business Case to DSE for proposed projects on behalf of their community.

#### Project Categories

Eligible project categories are on a township basis for:

- Water supply security improvements
- Water supply quality improvements
- New water services
- Septic tank upgrades
- Small town wastewater solutions

#### Evaluation Criteria

- Funds are to be used for the implementation phase
- All proposals are expected to have a developed business case
- Funds will provide 1:1 matching funding up to \$1 million per project
- Funds are open to water corporations and local government in rural areas
- The proposed projects should meet the following fund objectives:

Results in service improvement

Provides value for money investment

Provides public and environmental health protection

#### Registration of Interest

Water corporations and regional councils developing water supply solutions and implementing domestic wastewater management plans are invited to submit a Registration of Interest for funding. A Technical Assessment Panel will assess each RoI and provide feedback to applicants who may then be requested to submit a fully developed Business Case.

Further documentation, including Guidelines on the preparation of Business Case, Guidelines for completing a Registration of Interest and Funding Deed Template can be provided upon request.

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**Rounds 1 and 2 are now closed**

**Projects funded in Rounds 1 and 2 are as follows:**

Round 1	Round 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walwa sewerage scheme</li><li>• Bemm River sewerage scheme</li><li>• Avoca desalination plant</li><li>• Eskdale water supply scheme</li><li>• Aspley wastewater improvement project</li><li>• Goroke wastewater improvement project</li><li>• Harrow wastewater improvement project and</li><li>• Snake Valley sewerage project</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Millewa water quality improvement scheme</li><li>• Cavendish water quality improvement project</li><li>• Mallacoota water quality improvement project</li><li>• Swifts Creek water security project</li><li>• Lexton water improvement scheme</li><li>• Springhurst water improvement scheme</li><li>• Whitfield water improvement scheme</li></ul>

**Round 3:**

To be advertised in **July-August 2010**

## Further information

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