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Dear MR W WELSH

Bringing recycled water to Doncaster Hill

Melbourne's population is growing rapidly and we continue to experience a long-term decline in the reliability of our water supply from traditional sources such as water catchments. The challenge before us all is to manage our water supplies to meet the needs of our community now, and in the future. At Yarra Valley Water, one way we are addressing this is through supplying many of our growth areas with recycled water for non-drinking purposes such as flushing toilets, washing clothes, watering gardens and car washing.

This is what we are seeking to do for new properties in the Doncaster Hill area, in and around the Westfield Doncaster shopping centre.

There are over 5,000 new properties being developed in Doncaster Hill that will be fitted with a 'third pipe' to supply recycled water for flushing toilets, washing clothes, watering gardens and car washing. This will save approximately 2.5 million litres of drinking water every week.

To do this, we need to build a treatment plant somewhere nearby. We've identified several possible locations close to Doncaster Hill, and we're currently doing detailed work to understand the suitability of each of them. All the sites are viable from a technical and cost perspective, and each has its own qualities and attributes.

To assist with our decision about where to site the plant, we would value your help. We want to understand the views and opinions of as many people as possible in the community about each of the potential sites.

Have your say

To support this process, we have established a three-person Independent Panel, chaired by Rob Gell. The Panel will be available to meet with people during three weeks of community deliberation, **commencing Monday 11 September** at the Manningham Civic Centre at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

This is an important opportunity for you to meet with the Panel, offer your ideas and comments, raise issues, and generally provide your feedback on site options.

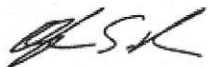
After this deliberative process, the Panel will provide a report to Yarra Valley Water about what they have heard, and taking all things into account, make a recommendation about the most suitable site for a treatment plant.

The dates and times of these community deliberation sessions are outlined in the enclosed fact sheet, along with more information about our Panel members. For these sessions, we have sought to provide flexibility to accommodate people's different work and family time commitments, including evening and weekend opportunities. Several of these sessions have childcare and language translator services available.

Bringing recycled water to Doncaster Hill is one way we are making Melbourne more resilient to future droughts. More information about this important project is available online at www.yvw.com.au/DoncasterHill

As well, we'll happily answer any other questions you may have so please feel free to contact our project team on **9872 2696** or by email doncaster.hill@yvw.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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