

# Media Release



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## Big wet brings change in Lancefield supply

Lancefield residents may notice a change in their tap water, as heavy rains have led to a switch in source water supplied to the Lancefield Water Filtration Plant, Western Water says.

“A wetter than usual winter meant the Garden Hutt reservoir was full to overflowing by the end of August,” Western Water’s Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says.

“That enabled us to turn off the two bores that usually contribute to Lancefield’s drinking water, and switch the supply to the surface water held in the reservoir.”

The source water will still pass through the town’s \$3.1 million water filtration plant, built in 2008 to improve the town’s water quality.

Mr Wilkinson says the aquifer that supplies Lancefield’s bores will now have a chance to recover more rapidly than it otherwise would.

“The aquifer has suffered over many years of drought and, at times, become stressed,” Mr Wilkinson says.

Residents may find their water has subtle differences in taste, and is “softer” - that is, allows soap and detergent to lather more easily.

“Surface water is our preferred option for supplying Lancefield’s water while the aquifer recovers, and we will continue with this as long as conditions allow,” Mr Wilkinson says.

“However, when the dry weather sets in over summer, it is likely we will need to switch the bores back on, and go back to a combination of bore and surface water.”

Despite the temporary change in supply, customers can be assured their drinking water is monitored and treated to meet all the required health standards.

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### About Western Water

Western Water is one of Victoria’s 13 regional urban water corporations. We provide water, recycled water and sewerage services to over 53,000 properties and 134,810 people in an area of 3,000 square kilometres. Our region extends from Lancefield in the north to Melton and Rockbank in the south and from Myrning in the west to Bulla in the east. We incorporate parts of Hume City Council and Melton, Moorabool and Macedon Ranges Shire Councils.

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