

Media Release



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Western Water well prepared

Western Water today conducted a mock emergency at Pierce Reservoir, in Barringo, to test its emergency procedures.

Staff were 'alerted' to incident in the morning and launched into action to deal with the 'emergency'.

"As a provider of an essential service, we take our ability to respond in emergency situations very seriously," Western Water's Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says.

"We are required to set up an exercise like this every year to ensure all our emergency plans are up to date and we are ready to respond if necessary.

"The exercise was overseen by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Victoria Police."

Local residents were notified in advance of the exercise, which included a simulated road block and controlled smoke flares being set off to create an 'emergency' scene.

"Our staff did a great job of responding, so customers can rest assured their water supply is in safe hands in the event of an emergency," Mr Wilkinson says.

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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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