



Media release

The Hon Peter Walsh MP

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Water to flow again from Rosslynne Reservoir

Communities in the Macedon Ranges will soon be drinking local water, three years after the region became fully reliant on water from Melbourne's supply system.

Minister for Water Peter Walsh today officially recommissioned the water filtration plant at Rosslynne Reservoir during a community open day.

"With the dam now two-thirds full, Rosslynne Reservoir will again become the primary source of drinking water for the region," Mr Walsh said.

"The towns of Gisborne, Macedon and Riddells Creek will again receive water sourced from local catchments instead of water pumped uphill from Melbourne."

Mr Walsh said the region was connected to Melbourne's supply system in 2000 and became completely reliant on the city's supply in 2007.

"Dam levels dropped to as low as 2.5 per cent and the water filtration plant was effectively mothballed," Mr Walsh said.

"Even if there was a return to drought conditions, Rosslynne now has the capacity to provide at least five years supply of water to the region.

"The dam's water levels have risen by about 16 metres as a result of record rainfall over summer."

Mr Walsh said Rosslynne, which has a capacity of 25,400 megalitres, would supply about 3.8 megalitres of water a day to the region.

"It's wonderful to look at the reservoir and see water, where just a year ago there were exposed dam walls," Mr Walsh said.

As part of the recommissioning, Western Water is making a number of upgrades to the Rosslynne Water Filtration Plant.

A \$4.2 million water tank will hold 10 million litres of water to supply town water via gravity-feed, ensuring water supply even if power is cut.

A new \$450,000 "filter to reservoir" pipeline has also been built to improve water quality by allowing water to be recirculated through the reservoir.

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