

# Media Release



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## Cooking oil to fuel water authority vehicles

Water may be its core business, but now Western Water has turned its attention to a different liquid – biodiesel fuel.

The water authority has installed a new 13,000 litre biodiesel tank at the Sunbury depot, to help reduce its carbon emissions.

“Using biodiesel for all our fleet vehicles will reduce carbon emissions by more than 140 tonnes a year,” Western Water’s Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says.

“The biodiesel is produced from local waste products such as used cooking oil and tallow, which would otherwise go to landfill,” he says.

“This means we are not only reducing carbon emissions from our fleet, we are also putting a waste resource to good use.”

The \$25,000 tank is the largest of three now installed by Western Water, with tanks already in place at depots in Gisborne and Melton.

The move is part of Western Water’s Climate Change Strategy, which sets a goal of zero net carbon emissions by 2017-18.

“We have already reduced our emissions by almost 30 per cent since 2004-05, and are now aiming to hit 50 per cent by the middle of next year,” Mr Wilkinson says.

“Other measures have included retro-fitting energy efficient technology at offices, depots and recycled water plants, and converting to green power,” he says.

“At the Melton Recycled Water Plant, we are capturing biogas produced in the water recycling process to generate 100 per cent renewable electricity.”

### Photo Opportunity:

Please contact Kylie Smith on 0488 226 681 or [kylie.smith@westernwater.com.au](mailto:kylie.smith@westernwater.com.au) to arrange a time to photograph Sunbury depot staff using the new biodiesel tank.

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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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