

The Board approved the:

- (a) retrofitting of a brackish water unit at Bridgewater to address increasing salinity. Investigation will take place of a similar process for Laanecoorie, Tarnagulla, Dunolly and Beabliba.
- (b) construction of a high lift pump station at the Rochester water treatment plant at a cost of \$1.2 million
- (c) discussions on the provision of recycled water to Castlemaine.
- (d) establishment of second water services committee for Raywood/Sebastian.

There were two presentations made to the Board.

- (a) Mr Garth Doolan, Chairman of the Harcourt Water Services Committee: reported on the progress of the Committee. There is a good cross section of customers represented who are actively participating in the work of the Committee.
- (b) Frontier Economics: the Board engaged Frontier Economics to provide advice as to how water bulk entitlements in Victoria could be improved. Mr David Appels, Mr Paul Loke and Mr Michael Woolston from Frontier Economics presented their preliminary advice. They received feedback from the Board and are to incorporate this into their final advice.

The Board requested management review the suitability of the 8-10pm current authorised watering time given that the days are shortening. Customers are now sometimes watering in darkness.

The Board also reviewed accounts passed for payment, minutes of committee meetings, the register of sealed documents and the business report.