

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **New Board Chairperson and Director for East Gippsland Water**

East Gippsland Water has a new Chairperson for the next three years following the appointment to the position of Ms Gail Morley by the Minister for Water. Ms Morley is an existing Director of the Board and has significant experience in the water industry and private consulting.

The Board also welcomes a new Director, John Rudge. Mr Rudge, together with Eric Sjerp, Robert Supplitt, Sam Logan and Richard Elkington who have been re-appointed to the Board, are appointed until 30 September 2012.

Ms Morley replaces outgoing Chairperson, Robert Fordham, who did not seek reappointment.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to retiring Chairperson Robert Fordham for his most significant contribution. His leadership and vision have helped drive this organisation to achieve the important outcome of secure and high quality water supplies for all East Gippsland communities." Gail Morley said.

"Director Rudge will bring another perspective to the East Gippsland Water Board and we look forward to working closely with him in the future" she said.

The Board has responsibility for providing strategic direction for urban water and sewerage services in the region.

The reappointed directors and Mr Rudge will join existing Directors Bernie Smith and Jane Rowe. The ninth member of the Board is Managing Director Les Mathieson. All Board positions are part-time except for the Managing Director.

The new Board will meet for the first time on 21 July 2010.

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