

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Seeking customer input on managing the region's water supplies**

East Gippsland Water is encouraging customers to participate in a quick survey that will help shape how the corporation manages water supplies well into the future to address the impacts of climate change and population growth in the region.

This input is important in shaping plans to ensure that there are sufficient supplies of drinking water to meet customer needs across all of our water supply systems into the future.

East Gippsland Water Managing Director, Bruce Hammond, said, "Issues such as climate change and population growth are challenges for our region that will need to be considered as we plan for the future. We need to consider how we plan for sufficient, reliable water supplies in anticipation of extreme weather events which may impact on our water catchments. Other aspects for consideration include how often we need to impose water restrictions during times of water shortages, such as droughts, and how they impact on the community. We are also looking at the important role water has in supporting the liveability and sustainability of our towns and how these might impact on our management of water supplies."

The Urban Water Strategy survey is open to all East Gippsland Water customers and can be accessed via the Corporation's website [egwater.vic.gov.au](http://egwater.vic.gov.au), or its Facebook page. It runs until 5pm on Tuesday 28 February and as an incentive to take part there are five water prize packs up for grabs. The survey can also be completed at East Gippsland Water's Bairnsdale office, 133 Macleod Street, during business hours.



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