

Delivering the future



Overview

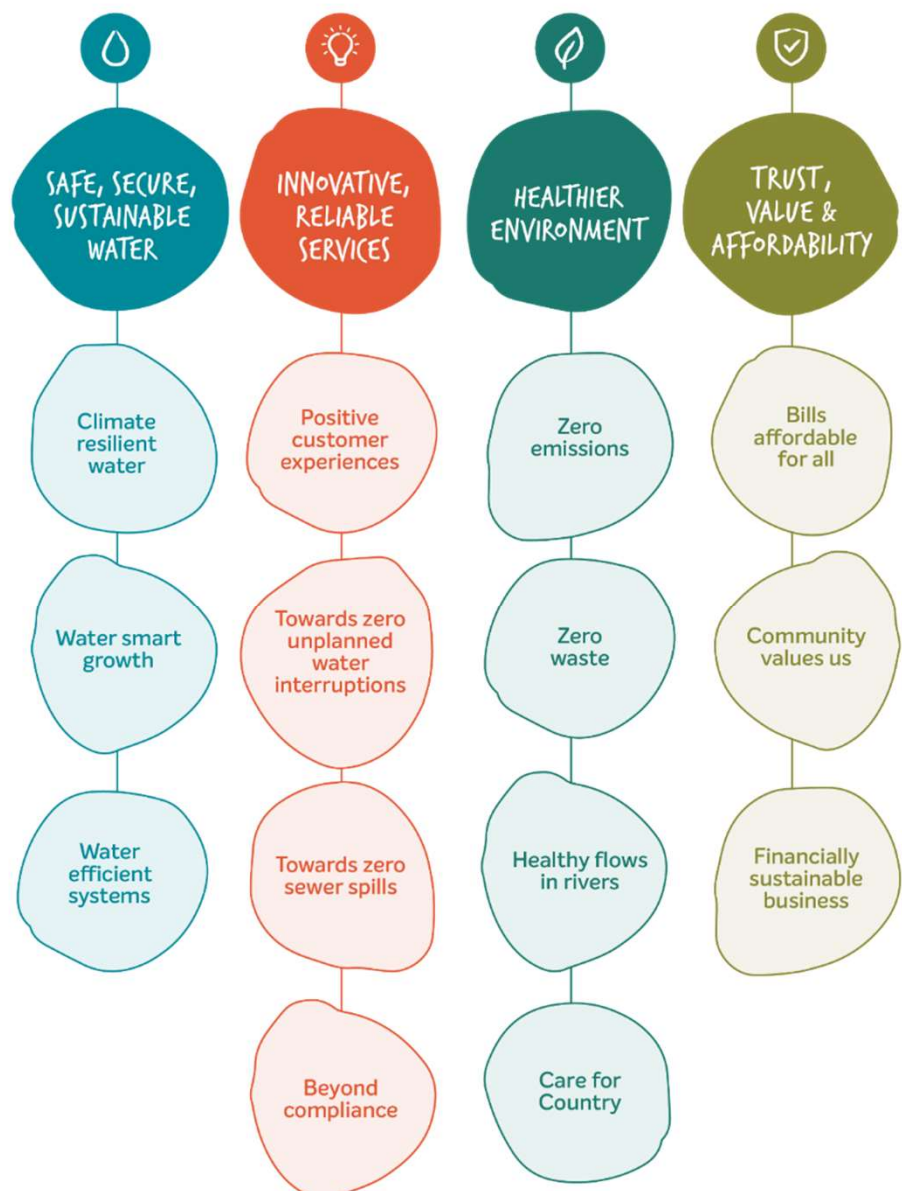
The West Barwon reservoir is one of our most important assets for drinking water. Geelong and Colac are our biggest service areas and are all supported by the West Barwon Reservoir, located near Forreest.

Over the next five years, we will continue to deliver key actions across our four core outcomes, helping to deliver the future our customers want.

Key actions for Forreest

Key actions we'll take in Forreest to deliver our customer promise include:

- Renewing the Forreest Water Treatment Plant to ensure the facility has the latest technology and capacity
- Designing a centralised wastewater system to improve current onsite services that struggle during peak tourism loads
- Exploring the installation of a Forreest Wastewater system
- Development of a West Barwon Masterplan



Water for our Future



Thanks for being part of creating our water future

After more than two years of working with customers, the community and stakeholders to co-design a water future that balances all of our needs, Barwon Water has finalised the 2022 Urban Water Strategy: *Water for our Future*.

The strategy has been informed by more than 600 ideas shared during Water for our Future's community engagement, where more than 5,000 community members participated in the program to help find new sources of water and be more efficient with the water we have.

It outlines adaptive plans to ensure a secure water future for each of the systems in our region, based on what our community has told us is important to them.

Our water future is ...

A secure water future where our rivers flow, our foods grow and our impact is low.

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Resilient, innovative and sustainable, with abundant water from a range of sources and where we actively protect and improve water for the environment.

Ethical, healthy and responsible, with affordable and equitable access for everyone.

A shared responsibility, by valuing and conserving water and respecting the diverse needs of our community, cultures and the environment.

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Our strategy and 2023-28 Price Submission sets out our commitments and how we will deliver our community's vision for our water future

Key highlights

- Extend the reach of the Melbourne to Geelong Pipeline so it can supply more of the Geelong, Bellarine and Surf Coast, allowing 3,700ML/year of water to be returned to the Moorabool River for cultural values and environmental needs.
- Implement the integrated water management plan for the new Northern and Western Geelong Growth Areas, including supply of Class A recycled water.
- Support improved waterway health on the Barwon River by undertaking complementary river rehabilitation works
- Increase the use of recycled water for non-drinking purposes.
- Decommissioning the Barwon Downs borefield.