

# Lorne: Water, Your Say



**Barwon Water is inviting the Lorne community to be part of a conversation on a sustainable and resilient water future as part of its Lorne: Water, Your Say program.**

We are eager to understand and support the values and priorities of residents, businesses, community groups and regular visitors.

We want to work together to plan for long-term water security, climate change mitigation, affordability, environmental preservation, and any other key values that the community shares.

As part of our *Urban Water Strategy 2022: Water for our Future*, we committed to ongoing consultation about Lorne's future water supply options and we will be seeking your input over the next two years.

Please let us know what you think!

## **Lorne's water supply**

As a popular destination on the Great Ocean Road, Lorne attracts large numbers of visitors every year, creating a variety of challenges and opportunities for the town.

Lorne's drinking water is sourced exclusively from the Allen Reservoir

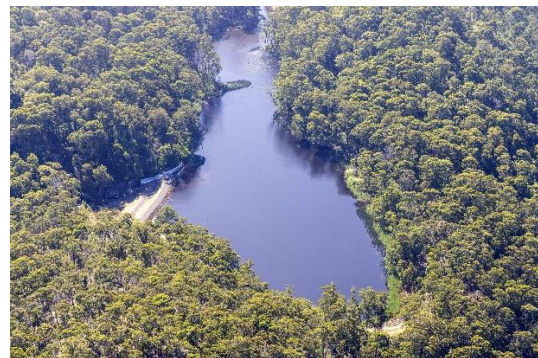
Barwon Water has an entitlement to use up to 510 ML/year from the St George and

Erskine Rivers but we only take water from the Allen Reservoir on the St George River. In summer, naturally low flows in the St George River mean we rely on water stored in Allen Reservoir harvested over the winter and spring to keep Lorne supplied.

The Erskine River has no storage facility, so the low flows in summer - which is when we need water the most to service Lorne's bustling tourist season - prevents us from sourcing water.

We are keen to work together on challenges and opportunities.

Join the conversation and provide your input on what a thriving Lorne looks like and how we can support your vision.



*Allen Reservoir*



Lorne water treatment plant

## Project timeline

We are committed to listening and learning from our community. Here is a high-level timeline for the project:

<b>June to July 2023</b>	Listen and learning with the community. Understand Lorne’s priorities, issues and opportunities.
<b>Late 2023</b>	Check in on what we heard and share more information on sustainable and resilient water future options
<b>From April 2024</b>	Provide further information to support community awareness and priorities
<b>Mid 2024</b>	Using community feedback, develop key Barwon Water strategies and actions plans, including the 2027 Urban Water Strategy and 2028 Price Submission.

## Have your say

Visit our Lorne Hub website to learn more about how you can get involved and have your say. You can also register to stay informed about the project. Please visit [www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/lorne-hub](http://www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/lorne-hub) or scan the QR code!

