

Media Release

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STRENGTHENING VICTORIA'S WATER MANAGEMENT

Applications are now open for positions on the boards of Victoria's 19 water corporations and 10 catchment management authorities.

Minister for Water Lisa Neville today invited applications to fill 115 director positions on Victoria's water boards.

Water corporations provide a range of services to customers comprising water supply, sewage and trade waste disposal and treatment, water delivery for irrigation and domestic and stock purposes, drainage, and salinity mitigation services.

Catchment management authorities are responsible for the integrated planning and coordination of land, water and biodiversity management in each catchment and land protection regions.

Board directors come from all walks of life, including farmers, small business owners, project managers and other professionals.

The Victorian Government is committed to increasing diversity in water sector leadership, and applications are encouraged from Aboriginal people, Traditional Owners, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Promoting diverse participation on Boards brings diversity in skills and perspectives and strengthens the Victorian economy and the broader community. Victoria strives to have public sector Boards that are highly effective and reflective of our diverse community.

The Victorian Government has invested \$584 million to deliver water initiatives as a part of the state's water plan, *Water for Victoria*, including a record \$222 million investment for waterway health.

Expressions of interests for the water corporation and catchment management positions close on 1 April 2019.

More information on board vacancies and the expression of interest process is available at www.getonboard.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Lisa Neville

"We're making sure Victoria's water sector is equipped with the right people and expertise it needs to do its job and protect Victoria's water security."

"Our last two water board appointment process saw an equal number of men and women appointed and we will strive to ensure this happens again."

"Healthy waterways are vital to sustain regional economies, provide recreational opportunities and support jobs and growth across the state."

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