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Candowie upgrade officially completed

The Hon. Ken Smith MLA Member for Bass, representing Water Minister Peter Walsh, today officially opened the \$9.2 million dollar water storage project at Candowie Reservoir.

“Doubling the capacity of Candowie is essential to secure a reliable and affordable water supply for future generations,” Ken Smith said.

“The storage capacity has been increased from 2263ML to 4463ML, and raising the wall of Candowie is an economical and efficient way to further drought proof the Westernport Water community.

“Upgrading Candowie is essential for Westernport Water to capture and store the many rain events, and optimise the use of all locally available water sources.

“Development of sustainable infrastructure like Candowie is important for the region’s growth and is fundamental to build resilience in the face of climate variability.

“A larger reservoir will provide the community with piece of mind, reduce the chance of future water restrictions and offer improved flood protection for downstream communities in the Bass area,” Ken Smith said.

A bigger reservoir wall has been constructed, along with an upgrade to the spillway and outlet tower. The Grantville Glen-Alvie Road was also raised to allow for additional capacity.

Chairman of Westernport Water, Mr Trevor Nink said Candowie remained fully operational during construction and works were completed when the reservoir was naturally at its lowest.

“Key components of this upgrade were completed within 9 months, as planned, to enable maximum storage recharge with the regular winter and spring rains,” Mr Nink said.

“Currently Landcare is working on restoring native vegetation surrounding the reservoir to further improve water quality inflows and help safeguard our water supply.

“Water levels have already filled above the old full supply level, and the community should note that as of today, the water levels that appear in the papers and are displayed in front of Westernport Water’s office on the main tourist road will be reflective of the new storage capacity.”

For media enquiries and further information about the Candowie Reservoir upgrade please contact Communications and Public Relations Manager Geoff Russell or visit our website www.westernportwater.com.au

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