



Media release

The Hon Peter Walsh MP

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Directors re-appointed to Westernport Water board

Minister for Water Peter Walsh today announced the reappointment of three directors to the board of Westernport Water.

"I congratulate Geoff Coleman, Roland Lindell and Barbara Wagstaff, who will return to serve on the Westernport Water board for another term," Mr Walsh said.

"Mr Coleman, Mr Lindell and Ms Wagstaff were all appointed in October 2011 and have proven effective directors since that time.

Mr Walsh also announced that Terry Swingler, former Yarra Valley Water general manager for finance, has been appointed director to the board of Southern Rural Water.

Horticulturist Terry Burgi, dairy and beef farmer Russell Napper, and dairy farmer Naomi Pye, have all been reappointed as directors for another term on the Southern Rural Water board.

Mr Walsh thanked outgoing Southern Rural Water director Harry Peeters for his service to the community and to Victoria's water industry.

The appointments were among 22 new appointments and 57 reappointments announced by Mr Walsh today for Victoria's 19 water corporation boards.

"The Victorian Government is committed to appointing water corporation boards that balance skills in sound governance, financial management, water industry experience and community connection," Mr Walsh said.

"I am confident we are bringing together highly skilled individuals who can deliver high quality, efficient and sustainable water services to local communities."

An expression of interest process is undertaken each year as board directors' terms expire. This year more than 420 expressions of interest were received.

The new appointments commence on 1 October 2013.

More information about the new directors is available from <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/water-board-appointments>

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