

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Reservoir upgrade progresses well during dry period**

Works to double the capacity of Candowie Reservoir are progressing well and the project remains on schedule to be completed by the end of June ready to receive the regular winter rains, according to Westernport Water Managing Director Murray Jackson.

Mr. Jackson commented “The lower than average rainfall has been a significant advantage for the Candowie Reservoir Upgrade works to proceed without interruption.”

Rainfall data from Candowie Reservoir reveals the area has only received 76.75mm of rainfall since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, which is well below the 104 year annual average of 191.70mm.

“Easter is here and our water storage at Candowie Reservoir is sitting at 36 percent”. No need for concern according to Mr. Jackson.

To supplement water supplies during the construction and the recharge phase, the Corporation will be accessing locally available water from the Bass River and the Corinella Groundwater Management area in accordance with their License conditions.

“Through extensive monitoring programs our staff will closely observe the river and groundwater levels during pumping to ensure the health of both the Bass and the Corinella aquifer, Mr Jackson explains.”

The Corinella borefield pumps are now on test and the Bass River licence permits pumping subject to meeting environmental flow conditions from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

Although water levels remain adequate and the Corporation has a solid plan to recharge Candowie Reservoir, *Permanent Water Saving Rules* remain in place, and both visitors and permanent residents should continue to save water where possible.

For further information on our *Permanent Water Saving Rules* and the Candowie upgrade project please visit our website: [www.westernportwater.com.au](http://www.westernportwater.com.au)

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