

VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

MEDIA RELEASE



SEAWATER STARTS FLOWING INTO PUMP STATION

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The Victorian Desalination Project has recently celebrated another milestone with the commencement of flow of water through the Seawater Lift Pump Station.

Seawater from the Bass Strait enters the underground pump station via the 1.2km underground intake tunnel.

From the tunnel, the seawater lift pumps transfer the seawater from sea level into the reverse osmosis plant to begin the desalination process.

Testing of the pumps is an important part of the commissioning process. There are 12 pumps each capable of moving up to 1000 litres of water per second. At this stage, seawater is recirculated to the ocean via the permanent intake and outlet tunnels.

The commissioning of these pumps represents a significant achievement for Thiess Degrémont team of engineers and water treatment experts.

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About AquaSure

AquaSure has been contracted by the Victorian Government to deliver the \$3.5 billion Victorian Desalination Project. AquaSure brings together leaders in the fields of infrastructure design, construction, and finance.

About Thiess Degrémont

Thiess Degrémont is AquaSure's design and construct contractor, responsible for delivering Australia's largest desalination plant. Thiess Degrémont is a joint venture between Thiess, one of Australia's largest and most trusted construction and services companies, and Degrémont, world water treatment specialist and a key player in sustainable water development.