

VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

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DESAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE SOON TO DEMOBILISE

23 November 2012

The Community Information Centre in Wonthaggi for the Victorian Desalination Project will be closing its doors on 30 November 2012.

As the design and construction phase is nearing completion, demobilisation of the centre is inevitable with the departure of Thiess Degrémont from Wonthaggi and the Bass Coast region.

The centre has been integral to the successful delivery of the project and has provided the link for the community to access information and the opportunity to ask questions.

Showcasing the design of the plant, the purpose built centre is fitted with wall displays, a scale model and audio visual presentations, staffed by a team of community relations professionals.

“We are extremely proud to have employed eight locals to work on the ground and in the centre to fulfil the community relations activities,” said Karen Lee the community relations manager for Thiess Degrémont.

“Having local knowledge has been pivotal to Thiess Degrémont gaining a better understanding of how to address the needs and concerns of the community.”

Since opening, the community relations team has welcomed nearly 15,000 visitors into the centre with enquiries ranging from employment and housing to complex engineering questions. The team has also engaged with over 10,000 people through community presentations, information sessions, site visits and community events.

The Community Information Centre will be permanently closed from 1st December 2012.

Thiess Degrémont will continue to manage the community engagement for the project until the operators Degrémont Thiess Services take over the plant. This is likely to occur by the end of this year.

Community enquiries can continue to be directed to 1800 811 214 or contactus@aquasure.com.au.

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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.