## VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT MEDIA RELEASE



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## AQUASURE HOSTS SITE VISIT OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIERS

More than 30 representatives from 22 financial institutions around Australia, Europe and Asia funding the Victorian Desalination Project toured the Wonthaggi plant site yesterday to inspect the project's significant progress.

From an empty paddock in September 2009 to July 2012 the complex construction project – one of the largest infrastructure developments undertaken in Australia, comprising five different projects and multiple work sites - is now on the home stretch.

Two weeks ago the plant produced its first drops of reverse osmosis water and yesterday's visit provided the project's financiers the opportunity to see the plant's commissioning operations.

The project is being delivered as a public private partnership and has been fully funded by the private sector. AquaSure is pleased at the strong support of its investors throughout the project term to date.

As one of the largest PPPs undertaken in recent years the project is of great interest to the international financial community.

Due to be at full production by the end of the year, AquaSure is confident the Victorian Desalination Plant will be a valuable asset for the long term and will ensure that Victoria has access to a reliable, high quality, rainfall independent water source, a resource that will be much valued in times of drought.

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