

## VIC – Recycled Water on the Bellarine



<b>Project phase:</b>	Construction
<b>Project phase cost:</b>	\$11.1 million
<b>Australian Government funding:</b>	\$5.5 million
<b>Other funding:</b>	\$2.0 million (VIC Government) \$3.6 million (Barwon Water)
<b>Indicative start/finish:</b>	mid-2021 / mid-2023

### Project description

The Recycled Water on the Bellarine will provide high quality, fit-for-purpose recycled water for high value agriculture and horticulture on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria. This will support wineries and cellar doors, and farm gate tourism. The project will ensure secure, predictable supplies of water now and into the future. The project will improve the quality and increase the volume of recycled water to Class B. This involves upgrading the Portarlington Water Reclamation Plant.

The project will construct:

- an ultra-filtration plant; and
- reverse osmosis plant.

## Proposed benefits

- Generate regional economic growth by securing the future of key local industries and create local jobs.
- \$3.8 million to \$5 million per year increase in total economic output.
- Preservation of the Bellarine Peninsula's unique landscape and liveability.
- Utilise important waste streams through productive reuse.
- Reduce potable water use for agricultural irrigation and the potential to defer potable supply network augmentation for the Greater Geelong Region.

## Project location

The proposed project is in Portarlington, 28km east of Geelong, Victoria.

