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Water conservation-efficiency plan of Western Australia: Achieving Water Use Efficiency Gains through Water Licensing

Description / Abstract

Water resources are a critical asset to the people of Western Australia (WA), supporting the environment; towns and cities; economy; and social amenities.

As the population grows and the economy expands, the demand for accessing water resources will increase. To ensure opportunities of future generations are not limited, it-s required to use water more efficiently. This is best achieved by combining several approaches such as raising community awareness, regulation, market mechanisms to achieve greater recognition of the true value of water, and financial incentives/assistance to facilitate change.

In February 2003, the Government of Western Australia (State Government) released the State water strategy, providing guidance and direction towards a sustainable water future. The strategy emphasised the need to achieve permanent and cost-effective water use efficiency gains across all water use sectors.

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