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## Media Release

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### TasWater launch annual water conservation program

TasWater is again raising awareness of the need to conserve water as we enter the warmer months and in preparation for bushfire season.

Tasmanians will be familiar with the “blue-bucket” signs along highways, and videos that appeared on social media last year.

“It’s a good reminder that our water supply is valuable, and the way we use water can affect other people,” said Duncan Sinclair, TasWater’s Asset Strategy Manager.

“Each year as summer approaches, we assess supply and demand and develop contingency plans for critical locations based on that year’s conditions. In periods of high demand, we have a dedicated team working 24/7 to monitor water supply,” Mr Sinclair said.

“TasWater plays a vital part as we invest in improving our systems for the future, especially in areas most vulnerable to water restrictions.”

Some of the projects we are working on include:

- Investigations into supply augmentation options for key East Coast locations including, Swansea, Scamander, Orford, Triabunna and Bridport.
- Development of a water supply strategy to improve water security and drinking water quality for the North West of the state.
- Various system augmentations to improve reliability of supply for the Greater Launceston System.
- A program to reduce water losses from leakage and unmetered connections.

We are also asking Tasmanians to conserve water and remember that it is important to use water wisely, even during rainy periods.

“People think Tasmania has a lot of water,” he said. “Widespread water restrictions last year were a reminder that Tasmania can get very dry, especially in the East and that the effects of decreased rainfall can accumulate year on year.”

The outlook for the coming season is much better than last year with good spring rainfall, however, more rainfall is needed to avoid restrictions for several communities including Coles Bay, Scamander, Orford, Triabunna and greater Launceston.

The water conservation program is supported by the Tasmanian Government.

The awareness program will start today and run through to the new year.



This year, driven by our Service Delivery Teams, TasWater has also donated to the Rural Relief Fund to help rural families in need. We are happy to support this organisation and encourage others to do similar.

For water savings tips and other information head to [taswater.com.au](https://taswater.com.au)

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Rural Relief Fund information can be found here: <https://ruralbusinesstasmania.org.au/home/rural-relief-fund/>