



ATTACHMENT 1

Very Large Airtanker Project Victoria 2010

VLAT-Project Operations Program

Water Management Strategy

Introduction

Victoria's changing climate and continued population growth are putting unprecedented pressure on current water supplies.

The VLAT-Project Operations Program and the VLAT Service provider acknowledges community efforts to reduce consumption of water and shall observe any local restrictions on the use of water that may be in place.

The effectiveness of fire retardant materials can be impacted by the standard of water used. Sufficient volumes of suitable water must be assured to provide an ongoing fire fighting response for the VLAT-Project.

Objective

Both the VLAT-Project Operations Program and the VLAT Service provider shall take all reasonable steps to conserve water. The VLAT-Project will be undertaking an aggressive program to minimise water use and to reduce the demand on our water storages.

The VLAT-Project will where possible commit to the use of recycled water to:

- d) minimise pressure on domestic water supplies,
- e) reduce demand on our water catchments and
- f) contribute to the Government's water recycling target of 20% by 2010.

Water at Avalon Airbase is provided from local reclaimed supplies and held in onsite reservoirs to maintain operational capacity. This water management program clearly meets State Government targets in the "Environment and Resource Efficiency Plans" and the standards required to produce a quality fire fighting material.

Further information

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