Drinking Water Quality Management

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Source of drinking water for Melbourne

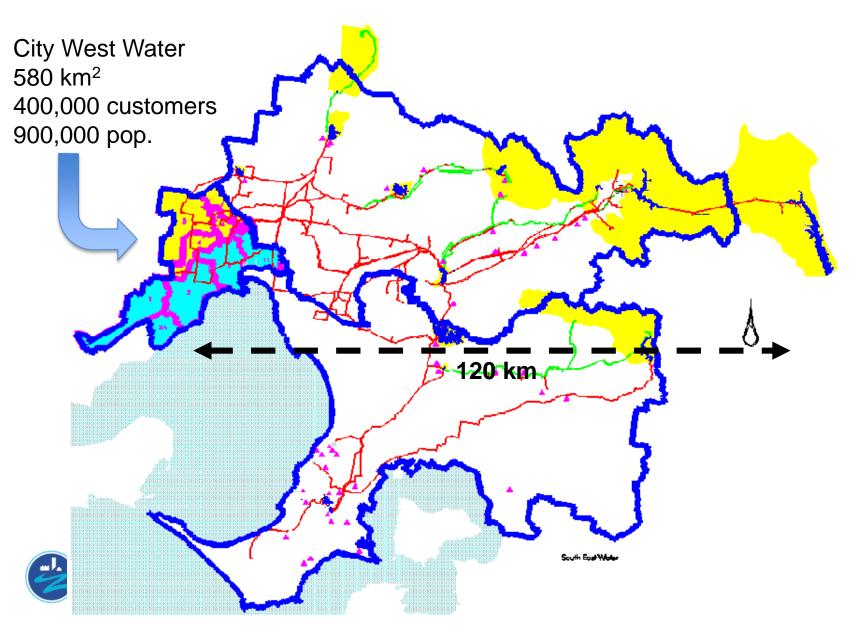
100% from rainfall (no groundwater).

 Extensive water catchment & reservoir system around Melbourne (11 reservoirs).

Largest reservoir is 120 km east of CWW.



Source of drinking water for Melbourne





Mostly protected catchments:

no industries or farms

no inhabitation

no roads



Source of drinking water for Melbourne

Therefore:

- Naturally very clean source water
 (no pollution, no pesticides, no heavy metals, etc).
- Minimal treatment disinfection + pH adjustment.
 (chlorine gas) (CaO lime)

Two of the eleven reservoirs have more treatment.



Melbourne drinking water quality

Safe, clean water.

- Perfectly safe to drink without boiling or filtering.
- Meets Australian & International standards.

• Few complaints ~200 per year (0.5 per 1,000 properties)







Regulation of drinking water quality

Water quality regulated by the state of Victoria:

Safe Drinking Water Act 2003

Requires:

- Water Quality Risk Management Plan
- Monitoring of water quality
- Full disclosure of water quality



Regulation of drinking water quality

Risk Management Plan

- identify risks
- identify actions
- identify programs

Operational Practices

- undertake actions
- undertake programs



Regulation of drinking water quality

Victorian WQ Standards

- Escherichia coli
- Disinfection By-products
- Chloroacetic acids
- Trihalomethanes

- Aluminium
- Turbidity
- Bromate
- Formaldehyde

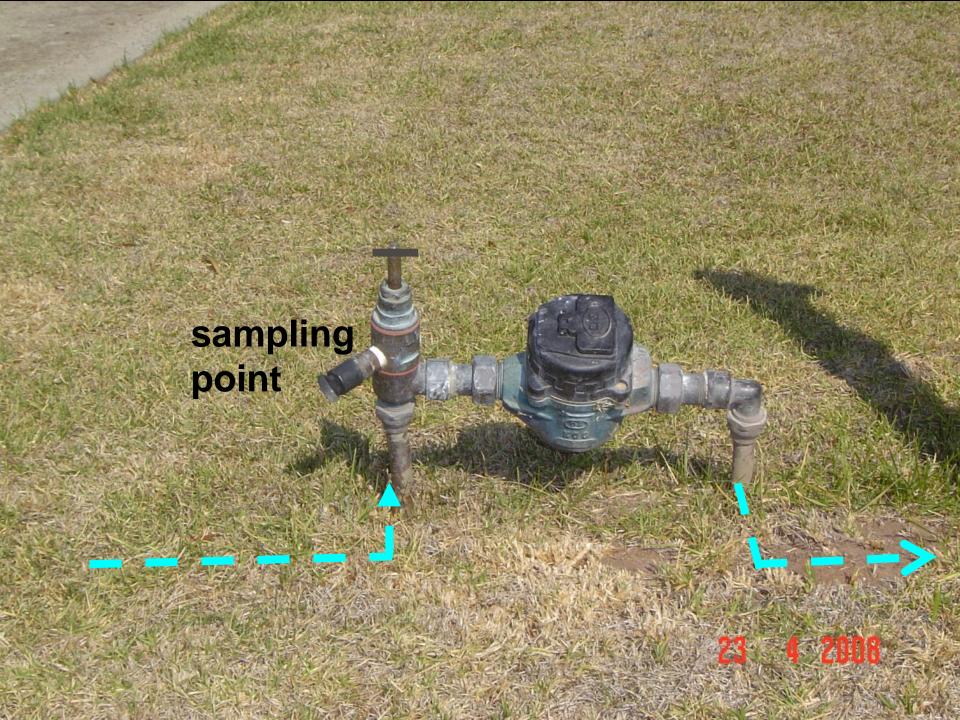


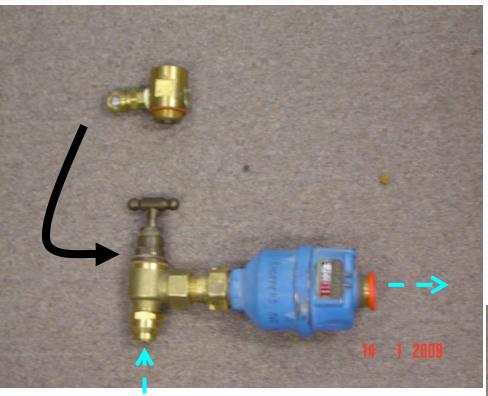
Monitoring of drinking water quality

- ~ 3,000 microbiological samples per year.
- ~ 1,000 chemical samples per year.
- 90% of samples tested at point of delivery to customers (at the meter to property).









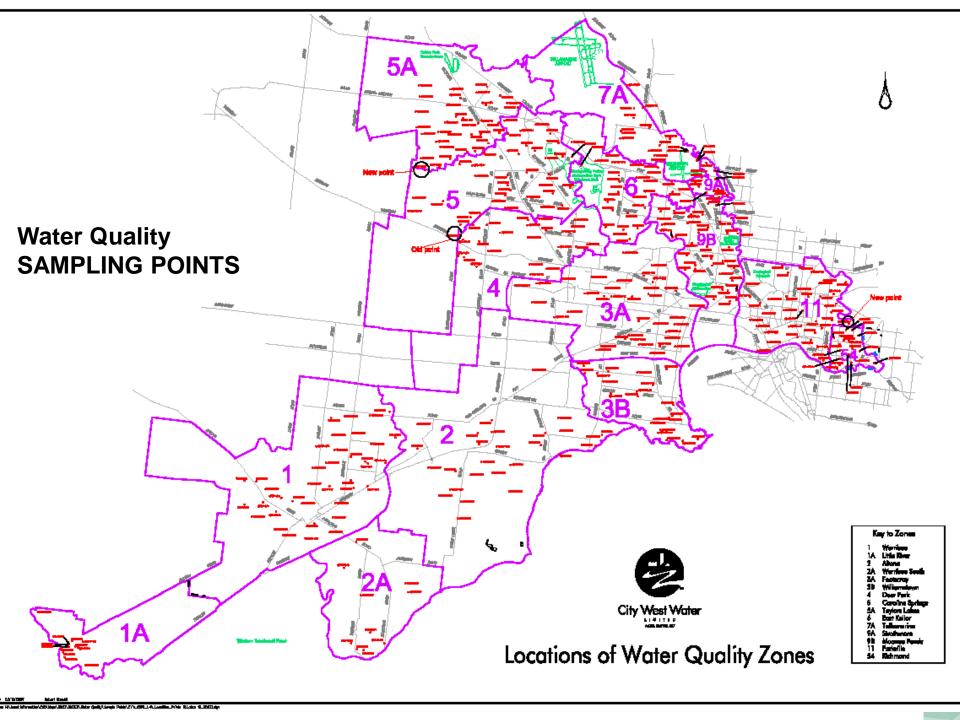






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Full data disclosure





ALL WATER QUALITY LOCALITIES

FOR PERIOD 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

POPULATION 695,209 (2006 Census)

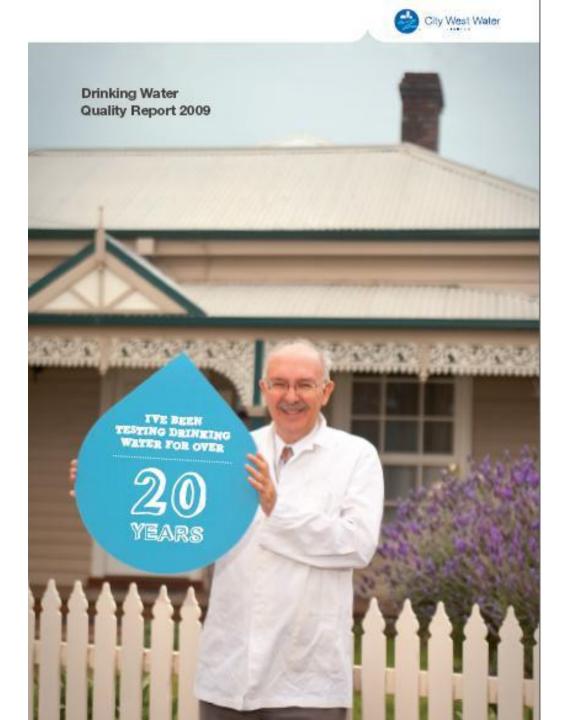
FOR PERIOD		1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009				(2006 Census)		
		Guideline Concentration or value			No. of Samples		Performance	
Parameter	Unit	Value	(all samples)					against
		(ADWG 2004)	Min	Mean ^G	Max	Total	Passing	standard / guideline
Total Plate Count (37°C)	orgs/mL	1000*	<1	1	4,700	2535	2531	99.8%
Total Coliforms	orgs/100mL	N	<1	- <1	200	2536	2001	-
E.coli #	orgs/100mL	98%<1	<1	<1	<1	2536	2536	within standard (actual 100%)
L.con	orgs/ roomE	3070<1	'	` '	~1	2550	2550	within standard (actual 10070)
Free Chlorine	mg/L	5	0.01	0.11	1.1	2536	2536	100%
Total Chlorine	mg/L	5	0.02	0.16	1.1	2536	2536	100%
Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	N	12	15	24	15	-	-
Aluminium (acid soluble)	mg/L	0.2	< 0.01	0.02	0.11	394	394	100%
Arsenic	mg/L	0.007	< 0.001	<0.001	< 0.001	15	15	100%
Cadmium	mg/L	0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	15	15	100%
Calcium	mg/L	N	3.6	7.7	14.0	15	-	-
Chloride	mg/L	250	7.0	16.0	20.0	15	15	100%
Chromium	mg/L	0.05	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	15	15	100%
Colour	Pt/Co	25**	<2	4	18	394	394	100%
Conductivity	μS/cm	~750	53	109	170	394	394	100%
Copper	mg/L	1	<0.01	0.026	0.080	15	15	100%
Cyanide	mg/L	0.08	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	15	15	100%
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	N	7.4	9.5	10.9	27	-	-
Fluoride	mg/L	1.5	0.25	0.91	1.10	394	394	100%
Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	200	15	27	40	15	15	100%
Iron	mg/L	0.3	<0.02	0.05	0.18	394	394	100%
Lead	•	0.01	<0.02	<0.05	<0.01	15	15	100%
Magnesium	mg/L mg/L	0.01 N	1.1	1.8	2.4	15	- 15	100%
•	•	0.1	<0.001	0.003	0.010	394	394	100%
Manganese	mg/L	_	<0.001					100%
Mercury	mg/L	0.001		<0.001	<0.001	15	15	
Nitrate (NO ₃)	mg/L	50	0.43	1.38	1.73	15	15	100%
pH	units	6.5-8.5	6.6	7.3	9.5	391	382	97.7%
pH	units	6.5-9.2	6.6	7.3	9.5	391	388	99.2%
Potassium	mg/L	N	0.8	1.5	1.8	15	-	-
Silica (SiO ₂)	mg/L	N	2.9	4.2	6.9	15	-	-
Sodium	mg/L	180	4.9	9.8	12.0	15	15	100%
Sulphate	mg/L	250	2.2	12.2	18.0	15	15	100%
Temperature	°C	N	10	17	22	27	-	-
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	N	2.0	2.2	3.0	15	-	-
Total Phosphorus	mg/L	N	< 0.005	0.006	0.011	15	-	-
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	500	36	74	100	15	15	100%
Turbidity	NTU	5 ¹	<0.2	0.65 ¹	4.4	787	-	within standard
Zinc	mg/L	3	< 0.01	<0.01	0.020	15	15	100%
Dibromochloromethane	mg/L	N	< 0.001	0.004	0.011	195	-	-
Dichlorobromomethane	mg/L	N	0.001	0.011	0.022	195	-	-
Bromoform	mg/L	N	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	195	-	-
Chloroform	mg/L	N	< 0.001	0.031	0.092	195	-	-
Total Trihalomethanes	mg/L	0.25	0.002	0.047	0.103	195	195	100%
Chloroacetic acid	mg/L	0.15	< 0.005	<0.005	< 0.005	195	195	100%
Dichloroacetic acid	mg/L	0.1	< 0.005	<0.005	0.021	195	195	100%
Trichloroacetic acid	mg/L	0.1	< 0.005	0.010	0.047	195	195	100%
Bromate	mg/L	0.02	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	15	15	100%
Formaldehyde	mg/L	0.5	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	15	15	100%

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No guideline/standard value set for this parameter.

Guideline set for "True Colour" (15 NTU) however "Apparent Colour" is measured (with a benchmark guideline of 25 NTU).





Thank You

