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## **Smart Water Fund announces round 6 grantees**

The Minister for Water, Tim Holding, today announced \$5million in funding for twenty one innovative water conservation projects across Victoria through Round 6 of the Smart Water Fund.

“The Smart Water Fund is an excellent example of water saving leadership and innovation being displayed by organisations in Victoria to help secure our water future,” said Minister Holding.

Twenty one innovative projects throughout metropolitan and regional Victoria have been selected for funding.

Smart Water Fund spokesperson Shaun Cox, said a key objective of the Fund is to share the knowledge created by these innovative projects throughout their respective industries in order to encourage others to adopt similar initiatives.

“The Smart Water Fund aims to empower others with the knowledge to implement innovative new ways to save water” he said.

“The Fund is very excited at the strong research and development initiatives coming through in Round 6 projects,” he added.

“The Smart Water Fund is making a significant contribution to Victoria’s collective water conservation knowledge and this is demonstrated by the level of sophistication of the successful projects and their potential for water saving.

“With drought and lower rainfall expected to continue with climate change, we are reminded of the importance of finding new ways to use water more sustainably.

”The Smart Water Fund is helping the community find those sustainable water solutions,” he said.

The Smart Water Fund provides funding for innovative water conservation, water recycling and biosolids management initiatives to individuals, community groups, businesses and research bodies in metropolitan and regional urban Victoria. Projects previously funded by the Smart Water Fund have created a wealth of knowledge that can be leveraged by industry and the community.

Since its inception in 2002, the Fund has invested approximately \$30 million in over 170 projects.

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### **Editor’s notes:**

More details of the fund can be found on [www.smartwater.com.au](http://www.smartwater.com.au).  
A list of successful projects is available.