

MOUNT MORGAN WATER SECURITY

Water security for a community in drought.

In April 2021 Mount Morgan's town water supply ran dry.

Since then Council has been sending truckloads of water to the town every day. This comes at a cost of up to \$13,000 a day, and has added up to \$3.9 million to date. At the moment Council is shouldering the entire cost.

The already waterwise community has been living on Level 6 restrictions - the highest level - since March. While residents are doing their part to make water last, trucking it in and hoping for rain just isn't a sustainable solution.

Mount Morgan has been drought declared for years. This is not the first time we have faced major water security concerns for the town, and without a solution it won't be the last. Council first committed to delivering water security nearly 7 years ago, but we can't do it alone.

Council has engaged global infrastructure firm AECOM to deliver the Business Case for a long term solution, and we are seeking government support in order to take the best option through to Detailed Design.

Mount Morgan needs a permanent, safe, and secure water supply. We need help from other levels of government to deliver this.

\$13,000 a day

The daily cost of trucking water into Mount Morgan can be up to \$13,000 each day.

\$3.9 million to date

This is the amount that has been spent by Council as of the end of January 2022 just so Mount Morgan residents can turn on their taps.

Highest level of water restrictions

Mount Morgan's No. 7 Dam hasn't been able to be used as a source of drinking water since April last year, and residents have been living on the highest level of water restrictions.

ELECTION COMMITMENT

\$3.5 million

To help fund a Preliminary Evaluation, Business Case and Detailed Design for a long term solution.

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BENEFITS



ECONOMIC

Since April 2021, it has cost \$3.9 million to truck water into Mount Morgan, and these costs are going to keep adding up.



COMMUNITY

Water security is paramount to all aspects of life for the community and, without secure water, the community cannot grow and develop.



SOCIAL

Access to the same consistent and reliable water supply that others across the region enjoy is crucial to the development of this community.

OPTIONS

The options currently being explored through the Preliminary Evaluation stage.

Excavate
Fletcher Creek



Increase No. 7
Dam capacity

Stanwell
Renewable EOI



New Dam on
Nine Mile Creek

Gracemere
Pipeline



Support is needed to take the best option through to Business Case and Detailed Design.