ABOUT THIS PROJECT
We’re committed to providing community access to our drinking water to encourage more people to drink water more often. We had installed 12 permanent hydration stations in our communities with potable (drinking) water in public places prior to this Price Plan.

Community feedback during our Price Submission indicated strong support for the expansion of the program for the provision of the hydration stations for greater and ongoing public access. This project also links in closely with our Choose Tap campaign, which encourages people to drink more tap water using refillable bottles, rather than purchasing bottled water. This project will see a total of 40 permanent hydration stations installed in towns across our service area to ensure there is at least one in each of our 48 towns supplied with potable water by the end of the current Price Plan period.

In 2018-19, stations are being/have been installed under Memorandums of Understanding at: Alexandra, Dookie, Kilmore, Sawmill Settlement, Shepparton Sports Stadium (soccer precinct), Tallarook, Tallygaroopna and Toolamba.

We’ve also developed an online map of hydration station locations across the region, and continually add to it as new stations are installed.

WHAT’S NEXT?
We’re currently working on an expressions of interest process to determine the rollout of the next phase, including working with local communities to identify appropriate locations,

We’ll also develop and implement a plan to promote the stations and encourage communities to use them once installed.

OUR ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THIS PROJECT
A prioritised list of hydration station installations to cover all of our towns over the Price Period will be developed. In the event of a hydration station not being delivered within the indicated timeframe, each customer in that town will receive a GSL payment of $20 for each year of delay.

ACTIONS TO DATE
We’ve committed to installing 8 permanent hydration stations per year across our service area under our 2018-23 Price Plan. We’ve worked on a rollout plan and engaged with communities to identify suitable locations, and install them in partnership with a local organisation.