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1	<p>Council needs to investigate all options to reduce the non-essential use of drinking water. This will become increasingly necessary as the effects of climate change become more extreme</p> <p>Everything in the plan sounds like common sense. We need to preserve and respect this precious resource.</p>	<p>This Plan aims to prioritise water efficiency and alternative water use before potable water use.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
2	<p>Lobby Western Water to reduce the price of Class A recycled water. This will create a much greater incentive for homeowners and businesses to use Class A water.</p> <p>After taking into consideration the cost of the additional meter, there is little or no incentive to use recycled water.</p> <p>Remove pest weeds and animals. e.g. boxthorn, galenia, serrated tussock and rabbits</p>	<p>This issue is outside Western Water's control - it is a broader issue that falls outside the scope of this Plan.</p> <p>Council manages pest species on its own reserves through prioritised works. Pest species are managed on private land through the Environmental Enhancement Program, which offers a rate rebate to properties that have implemented work to control weeds and pest animals on their land. This Plan aims to revegetate 2km of waterway per year, including pest control.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
3	<p>Finish the Werribee River Trail. At the moment it is a trail to nowhere. When it is finished it can be the venue of regular bicycle trail bike rides. Promoted in both the Melton and Wyndham municipalities</p> <p>The Council also needs to commit to maintaining existing rain gardens and swales. This is not the case at Eynesbury. It seems the Council is ahead of itself in terms of requiring the establishment of rain gardens and the like but hasn't the capacity and expertise to ensure that they are properly maintained.</p> <p>Community engagement in maintaining waterways is commendable but can be a cop out for Councils to avoid responsibility in ensuring that they are truly maintained.</p>	<p>Council is supportive of increasing connectivity and accessibility to shared paths in the municipality and will continue to work with developers to progress this trail.</p> <p>One of the actions in the Plan is to commit maintenance budget to the WSUD assets constructed in the municipality. See Action 2F under Objective 2.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
4	<p>In Eynesbury we have EMPs that were a Council requirement in the establishment of the town. However, very little has been done to enact them. These involve water management issues particularly for the Gorge so as I see it the Council has taken no responsibility in ensuring that these have been acted upon.</p> <p>Make a small bridge - from st. Catherine of sienna towards west lake roundabout so that the ducks can pass under that to the other side of the arnold creek new development area. Currently ducks crossing the main road is dangerous.</p>	<p>Council has attempted through this Plan to implement improved water management where it is within Council's control, to advocate to relevant authorities when it is not, and to complement this work through education and engagement.</p> <p>The EMP is subject to a separate process and not in the scope of this project.</p> <p>This will be considered in the Bulmans Road duplication project to be completed in 2023-2024.</p>	<p>No action.</p>

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	<p>Make a proper angle parking in front of st. Catherine's school as people parking there spew dust in the air. During rains, becomes mucky all over that area.</p> <p>Color the roads of the school zones for better visual reminder.</p> <p>Put reflectors on bicycles tracks for better visibility</p> <p>Improve the roundabouts. They look so shabby and untidy.</p>	<p>Not relevant to IWM.</p> <p>Not relevant to IWM.</p> <p>Not relevant to IWM.</p>	<p>No action.</p> <p>No action.</p> <p>No action.</p>
5	<p>Look at cost effective ways to provide recycled water or storm water to existing older areas of Melton.</p> <p>Provide the botanic garden with access and infrastructure to use the water in the lakes.</p> <p>Educate educate educate.</p>	<p>This is outside Council's area of responsibility.</p> <p>This access is already being provided.</p>	<p>No action.</p> <p>No action.</p>
6	<p>Add permanent signs for the community to understand the value of storwater management.</p> <p>Plan and budget for maintenance of stormwater schemes.</p>	<p>One of the outcomes Council seeks in this Plan is to have an "informed and water-wise community". This will be achieved through increasing connectivity and accessibility to waterways and supporting the local community's engagement in local waterways. See Actions 3B and 3D under Objective 3.</p> <p>Action 3D under Objective 3 seeks to "support the local community's engagement in local water management" including through installing educational information on stormwater related infrastructure.</p> <p>Council has set in this Plan a stormwater harvesting target that considers the significant resourcing and capacity requirements of constructing and maintaining stormwater schemes.</p>	<p>No action.</p> <p>No action.</p>
	<p>Increase security of those places: light, no hidden spots, clean up littering, patrol when motorbikes are reported.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Referred to appropriate officer for consideration in the public lighting strategy currently under development.</p>
	<p>The health value for the community. The increase of awareness for natural habitat protection. The support to form groups "friends of..." and grants for projects.</p>	<p>See Action 3D under Objective 3, "support the local community's engagement in local water management".</p>	<p>No action.</p>
DELWP	<p>This is an excellent strategy with a clearly defined pathway to transition the City of Melton towards a more resilient and liveable future. It also aligns well with the Victorian Government's Water for Victoria Water, the recently published Integrated Water Management Framework for Victoria and the work of the IWM Forums.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>No action.</p>

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	IWM Plan Objective 1 sounds less aspirational than the objectives 2 & 3. Perhaps consider mentioning it third rather than first?	Although these Objectives are not in prioritised order, Council views water efficiency and conservation as its most significant influence on water management.	No action.
	Outcome 1 – Should it be beneficial to drive the efficient use of all water sources? (i.e. not just potable).	Agreed.	Amendment made.
	Can some of these climatic scenarios be quantified using current predictions (e.g. percentage reduction or increase in annual rainfall volume, % change in rainfall intensity, number of days of extreme heat)? This would support the compelling statistics used in this section. It may be worth clarifying who the Targets apply to -e.g. for council, community or both?	Agreed.	Amendment made, noting that the figures included are based on a "medium" climate scenario.
	Melton's transition towards becoming a water sensitive city is an excellent objective and may benefit from a mention in the Executive Summary.	Agreed. These targets apply to Council.	Amendment made.
	Is there an opportunity to consider all of water's roles form Water for Victoria as referenced in Figure 6 of your strategy in Figure 2 ? E.g. could flood risk management and water quality be included?	Agreed.	Amendment made.
	You could consider adding to the potential areas of advocacy for the Water retailers – : promote innovation/R&D in servicing of growth areas, water retailers also have a role in driving water efficiency in existing networks/customers (e.g. reduced potable water consumption, leak management), sewage resource management and recovery.	Figure 2 illustrates Council's role in water management. Many of the links listed in the Figure relate to flood management and water quality, for example drainage and WSUD.	No action.
	DELWP – potential area of advocacy: Please consider including the work of the Werribee IWM Forum and Working Group. (e.g. Facilitation of the Werribee IWM Forum and IWM Working Group)	Agreed.	Amendment made.
	This is a good vision, could it be strengthened to include the enhancement of <b>urban</b> and natural environments (i.e. more emphasis on placemaking)? This point was picked up really well in the green box, lower down the page: Section - where we want to be.	Agreed.	Amendment made.
	The Melton City Council IWM document clearly shows Melton City Council's commitment to IWM, which is really encouraging for Western Water. We note that the Melton's IWM Plan has been well considered, shows clear understanding of IWM and outlines council's goal of working towards becoming a Water Sensitive City. Western Water looks forward to working collaboratively with Melton City Council to achieving Melton City Council's goals for the region.	Noted.	No action.

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	<p>The document is currently called "City of Melton Integrated Water Management Plan". As we have IWM Plans for the Melton Growth Area, and are requiring Developer IWM Plan, might these organisation specific documents be better called strategies. Potentially consider calling the document "City of Melton Integrated Water Management Strategy". This would also align with Western Water IWM Strategy and City West Water IWM Strategy.</p>	<p>Under Melton City Council's naming protocols this document is a Plan.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
	<p>Western Water have a strategic direction on increasing alternative water use and are keen to work with Council, developers etc to identify and realise opportunities (the developer IWM plans a good example of this).</p>	<p>Council supports a collaborative approach to achieve shared objectives.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
	<p>Suggest changing terminology from "recycled waste water" to "recycled water"</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Amendment made.</p>
	<p>As mentioned at the workshop, there may be opportunities for sewer heat recovery. Maybe this could be explored through the IWM Forum</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Referred to appropriate Council officers.</p>
	<p>The document refers to the DELWP IWM Framework. It could also refer to Western Water's Integrated Water Management Strategy, our Urban Water Strategy and Melbourne Water's Healthy Waterway Strategy</p>	<p>As the State Government's strategic water management document, Council has chosen to develop this Plan in alignment with <i>Water for Victoria</i> and DELWP's IWM Framework. The Plan aligns with many other strategies and plans but Council has not attempted in this document to compile an exhaustive list.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
	<p>The document references two stormwater harvesting schemes – would be good to name these schemes for easy identification. Guessing these are Lake Caroline (CWW) and Toolern (WW).</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Amendment made.</p>
	<p>The overarching Council position for supporting stormwater harvesting schemes for new greenfield developments could be made more explicit.</p>	<p>Council is supportive of stormwater harvesting schemes in new greenfield developments where appropriate.</p>	<p>Council will prepare a Developer Guidance summary document for IWM.</p>
	<p>Page i, reference to "water retailers" should be "water corporations". Page ii, might it be worthwhile having a target to collaborate on say 4 or 5 IWM Projects per year? This should be pretty easy to achieve.</p>	<p>Agreed. The delivery of many of the actions included in this Plan will require collaboration between Council and various stakeholders.</p>	<p>Amendment made. No action.</p>
	<p>Add LGA and MERI to the definitions and abbreviations section on pg iv On page 5 and 6 it would be interesting to note where Melton CC currently is on the "Urban Water Transitions Framework"</p>	<p>Noted. Council is currently considered a Waterways City, as noted on page 5.</p>	<p>Amendment made. Amendment made to improve clarity.</p>
	<p>Page 7, Figure 2. Is there also a role of Melton CC under planning to coordinate all utilities' planning? Melton CC is the one that provides the Planning Permit, Western Water are a referral authority that can impose conditions.</p>	<p>This role is outside the scope of this Plan.</p>	<p>No action.</p>

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	<p>Page 8, Figure 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Area of advocacy with Water Corporations may also be in Developer IWM Plans</li> <li>o With developers, is it worth mentioning open space?</li> <li>o Traditional owners may be interested in Cultural Flows, are interested in Cultural and Heritage Approvals. May also be interested in interpreting landscapes for new developments (Woodlea example).</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Amendments made.</p>
	<p>Page 9, the diagram shows "Melton Treatment Plant" – this should read "Melton Recycled Water Plant"</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Amendment made.</p>
	<p>Page 9, the diagram is a little confusing regarding the lines, e.g. Melton RWP is not connected WTP. Also, Diggers Rest sewage is treated at Sunbury RWP.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Amendment made.</p>
	<p>Page 10, Figure 6. It is good to use WfV. The IWM Forums however are using a new set of outcomes. Suggest asking DELWP what they recommend as the most current outcomes for the Werribee Catchment.</p>	<p>At the time of writing, <i>Water for Victoria</i> was the most up to date document from DELWP with which to align, and therefore these are the outcomes that informed this Plan's development.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
	<p>Page 11. Initiatives table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Melton CC also have open spaces connected to Class B recycled water.</li> <li>o Worthwhile mentioning IWM Forums under stakeholder engagement.</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Amendments made.</p>
	<p>Page 12. Objective 1. Suggest rewording from healthy open spaces, to healthy public spaces, this would then also include street trees. Also, access to water isn't limited (unless we are under restrictions). Suggest rewording to something like water resources are finite or constrained.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Amendment made.</p>
	<p>Page 14, Target 1.3 - why 23ML/yr of open space irrigation to be substituted with non-potable water? This target seems really small, even for a single stormwater harvesting project. Might we be able to aim higher? Maybe 50% instead of 8%.</p>	<p>It could be argued that Melton City Council pursue alternative water supplies more aggressively, however the current target has considered resourcing and capacity. The moderate rate of growth of the stormwater harvesting portfolio is aimed at ensuring that there is capacity and resources to operate and maintain those systems into the future.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
	<p>Page 15, Target 3.5 – <i>Implement 4 projects per year for community participation in waterways health</i> - Might Western Water be able to assist with this target? Maybe even participate?</p>	<p>Noted. Council will seek to collaborate on projects where appropriate to achieve shared objectives.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
	<p>Action 1A – <i>Improve open space irrigation efficiency</i> - it is important for Western Water to understand priority open spaces, and develop</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Amendment made to clarify in Action 1A.</p>

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	<p>strategies with Melton CC to ensure they are irrigated during drought. We have the list of priority spaces.</p> <p>Action 1D should include advocating with developers (not just retailers and DELWP) for recycled water. The developer IWM Guidance document from Western Water, and the requirement for new Developments to have an IWM approved by Western Water should be noted here as an avenue to do this.</p> <p>Also, a water retailing beyond their boundary is an interesting concept. We could consider this for the Melton Growth Corridor. Potentially CWW purchasing RW from WW for supply to Melton CC open space? Let's discuss.</p> <p>Action 1E – <i>Investigate use of non-potable water for irrigation</i> - Worthwhile mentioning the Developer IWM Plans as a space to explore this action.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>For appropriate water corporations to consider.</p> <p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Amendment made.</p> <p>No action.</p> <p>Amendment made.</p>