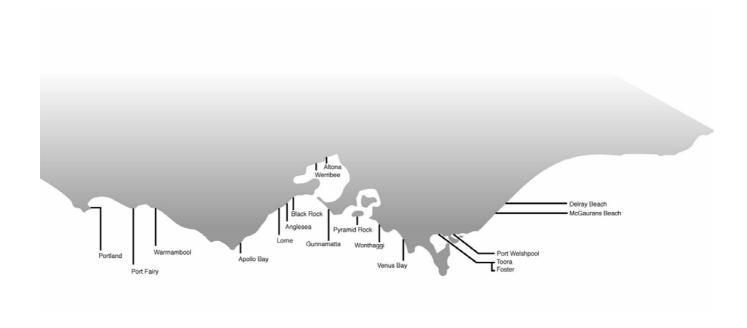
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# **Victoria**

# Wastewater recycling and discharges to the marine environment

# Preliminary audit





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#### President's Forward

Clean Ocean's prime objective is to protect our ocean ecosystem, raise awareness of sustainable water management practices and close Australia's ocean outfalls.

Freshwater from inland areas is piped to our coastal cities, used once, then dumped into the ocean via environmentally damaging outfalls. It's a completely unsustainable practice during Australia's worst drought on record. The Foundation is establishing a National Database for every outfall in the country.

'Wastewater recycling and discharges to the marine environment' presents the first publicly available information regarding the exact location and nature of Victoria's major wastewater outfalls.

Exact discharge quantities and recycling rates are presented for every outfall in Victoria in this report. The questions 'where did all our water go?' and 'how much is being wasted?' can now be addressed.

This vast waste of our water can now be quantified and the figures made public.

The majority of the location and flow data contained in this report has been obtained via Freedom of Information. While wastewater outfalls are our single greatest source of ocean pollution, countless Victorians swim, surf or fish near these outfalls often without realising they are even there.

This information is essential for communities, local, state and federal government to move toward recycling fresh water currently lost via ocean outfalls.

Every outfall represents a recycling opportunity to create a potential resource and end the pollution released to our precious marine ecosystem.

Peter K. Smith

President Clean Ocean Foundation

#### National Outfall Database

# **Outfall Assessment 2006-07**

#### Victorian public wastewater outfalls

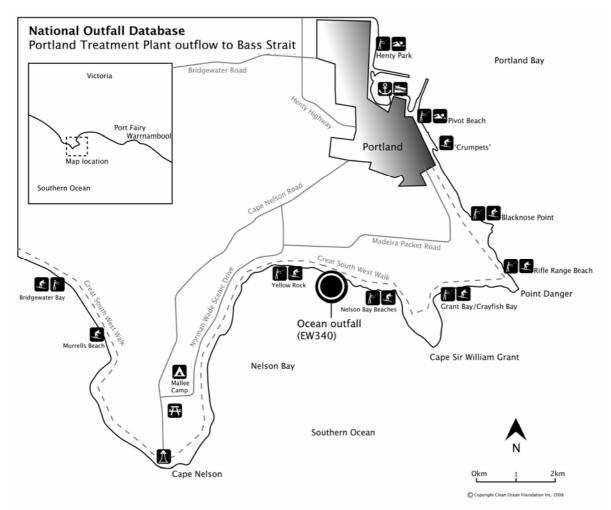
Preliminary audit 'Wastewater recycling and discharges to the marine environment' has been created to assess the following 18 major point discharges located on the Victorian coastline.

No.	Outfall	Responsible Authority	Annual flow 2006-2007 (ML)
1	Portland	Wannon Water	1,123.2
2	Port Fairy	Wannon Water	626
3	Warrnambool	Wannon Water	4,212
4	Apollo Bay	Barwon Water	343.1
5	Lorne	Barwon Water	292
6	Anglesea	Barwon Water	215
7	Black Rock	Barwon Water	19,892.5
8	Werribee	Melbourne Water	90,303
9	Altona	City West Water	4,562.5
10	Gunnamatta	Melbourne Water & South East Water	147,825
11	Pyramid Rock	Westernport Water	785.6
12	Wonthaggi	South Gippsland Water	791.4
13	Venus Bay	South Gippsland Water	963.9
14	Foster	South Gippsland Water	87.8
15	Toora	South Gippsland Water	17.4
16	Port Welshpool	South Gippsland Water	21.8
17	McGaurans Beach	Gippsland Water	7,934
18	Delray Beach	Gippsland Water	7,431
		Total:	287,427

(1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Flow data is based on mean averages. Actual discharge volume is greater due to peak flows due to wet weather or population changes during holiday periods in coastal towns.

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Portland



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	1123.2 ML	Average Weekly Flow	21.6 ML	Max Weekly Flow	27.5 ML

#### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	0%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, IPR, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW340	Year of construction	1984 (outfall extension)
Water Treatment	73.5% non compliance to EPA licence limits	Responsible Authority	Wannon Water

#### PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT

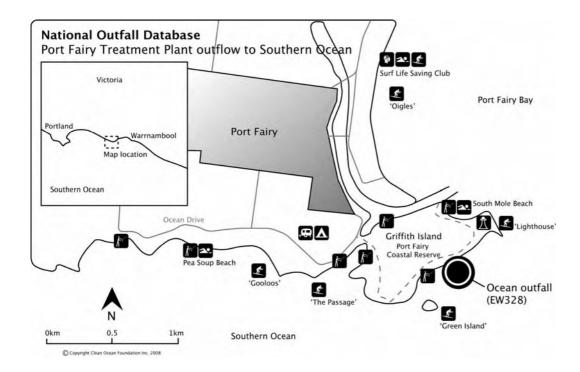
Treatment plant upgrade (\$6.72M) planned to achieve licence compliance in 2012/2013

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

Submerged	Distance from shoreline	Beyond low tide mark

Fishing	< 100m	Surfing	< 100m
Swimming		Walking	< 200m

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Port Fairy



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	626 ML	Average Weekly Flow	12 ML	Max. Weekly Flow	15 ML

#### **RECYCLING** Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	0%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, IPR, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW328	Year of construction	
Water Treatment	Secondary plus UV (Class C)	Responsible Authority	Wannon Water

#### PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT

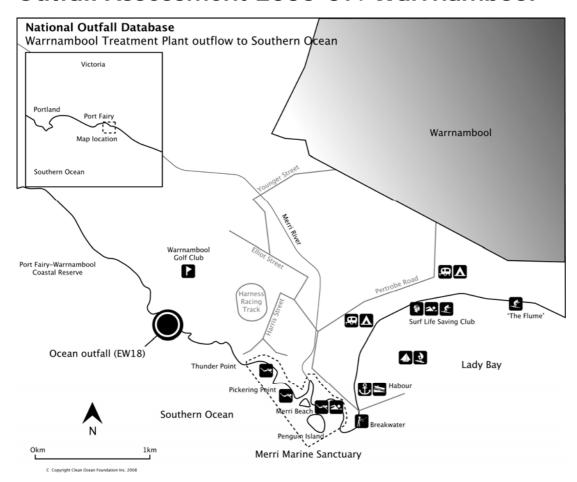
Port Fairy domestic wastewater treatment plant upgrade (\$0.89M) to be undertaken in 2008-09.

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

Distance from shoreline	Beyond low tide mark

Fishing	< 200m	Surfing	< 200m
Swimming		Walking	> 200m

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Warrnambool



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	4212 ML	Average Weekly Flow	81 ML	Max. Weekly Flow	90 ML

#### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	0%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, IPR, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW18	Year of construction	
Water Treatment	Secondary (Class C)	Responsible Authority	Wannon Water

#### **PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT**

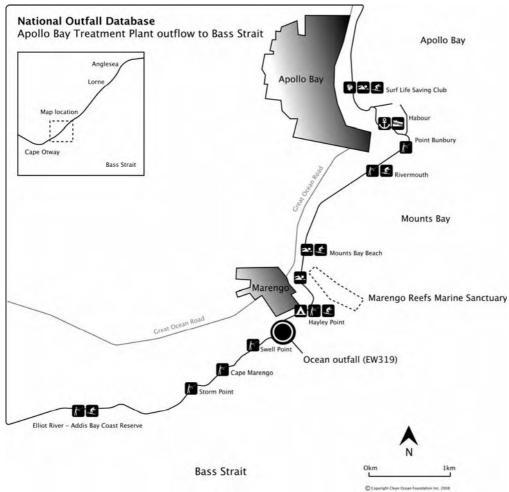
Warrnambool water reclamation plant (\$3.30M) upgrade to be undertaken in 2008-09

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

Distance from shoreline	Beyond low tide mark

Fishing	> 500m	Surfing	> 1000m
Swimming	> 1000m	Walking	< 300m

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Apollo Bay



**VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	343.1 ML	Average Daily Flow	0.9 ML/d	Max. Daily Flow	1.9 ML/d

#### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	4.4 %
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW319	Year of construction	
Water Treatment	Secondary (Class C)	Responsible Authority	Barwon Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

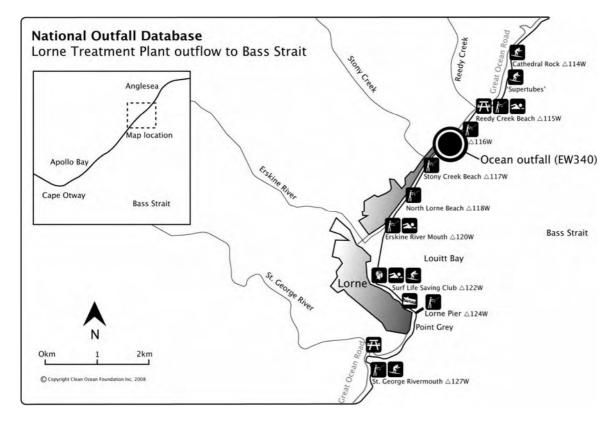
Below low tide mark

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 100m	Surfing	< 300m
Swimming	> 500m	Walking	< 100m

Signage at outfall	No	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No
Signage at > 100m	No	Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Lorne



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	292 ML	Peak Dry Weather Flow	2.31 ML/d (New Year's Day)
Average Daily Flow	0.8 ML/d	Peak Wet Weather Flow	2.51 ML/d

#### **RECYCLING** Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	5.1%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW340	Year of construction	1961
Water Treatment	Secondary (Class C)	Responsible Authority	Barwon Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

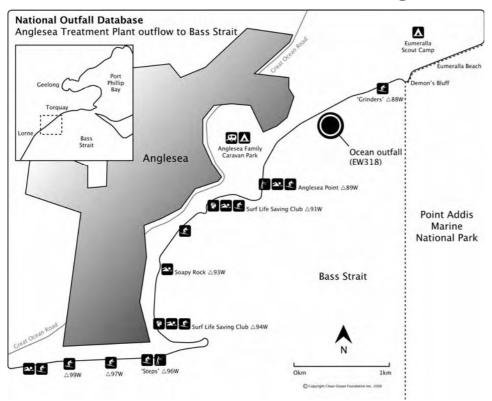
At low tide mark (approx)	Distance from shoreline	0m

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 100m	Surfing	< 1000m
Swimming	< 1000m	Walking	< 100m

Signage at outfall	No	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No
Signage at > 100m	No	Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Anglesea



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	215 ML	Peak Dry Weather Flow	1.62 ML/d (New Year's Day)
Average Daily Flow	0.59 ML/d	Peak Wet Weather Flow	1.34 ML/d

#### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use (irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)	>0% (dry weather only to golf course and ovals)	Onsite re-use (at treatment plant)	64%
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#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW318	Year of construction	
Water Treatment	Biological, filter & UV (Class B)	Responsible Authority	Barwon Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

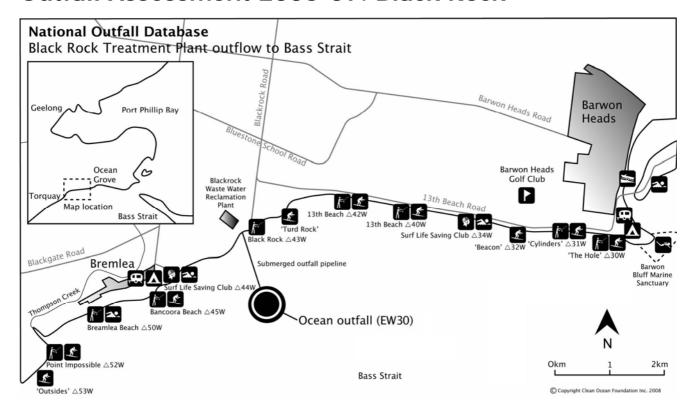
Below low tide mark	Distance from shoreline	180m

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 100m	Surfing	< 180m
Swimming	> 1000m	Walking	> 180m

Signage at outfall	No	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No
Signage at > 100m	No	Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Black Rock



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	19,892.5 ML	Peak Dry Weather Flow	
Average Daily Flow	54.50 ML/d	Peak Wet Weather Flow	72.81 ML/d

#### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use (irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)	11.5%	Onsite re-use (at treatment plant)	6.5%

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW30	Year of construction	1985
Water Treatment	Secondary (Class C)	Responsible Authority	Barwon Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

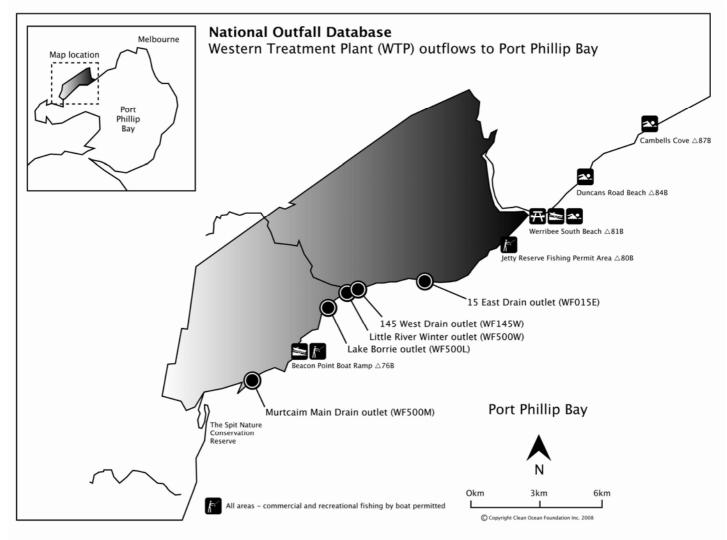
Submerged	Distance from shoreline	1200m (diffuser begins 975m)

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 100m	Surfing	> 975m
Swimming	> 1000m	Walking	> 975m

Signage at outfall	No	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No
Signage at > 100m		Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Werribee



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT - DISCHARGED TO PORT PHILLIP BAY**

(1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	90,303 ML	Average Daily Flow	247 ML/d

#### **RECYCLING** Effluent re-use (volume)

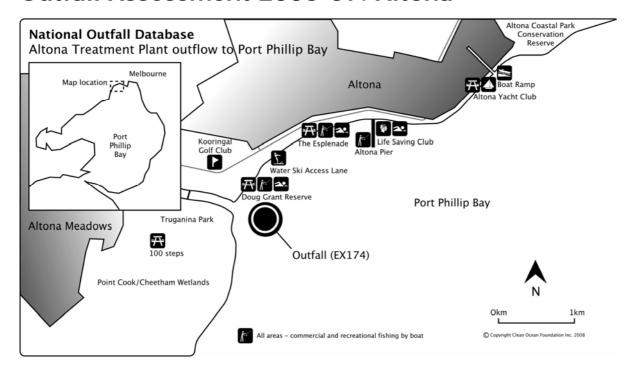
Offsite re-use (irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)	4.2%	Onsite re-use (at treatment plant)	9.8%
Environmental Flows	5.2%		

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW844	Year of construction	1897
Water Treatment	Secondary (Class C)	Responsible Authority	Melbourne Water

Fishing	< 50m	Surfing	
Swimming	> 5000m	Walking	> 50m

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Altona



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	4562.5 ML	Peak Dry Weather Flow	
Average Daily Flow	12.5 ML/d	Peak Wet Weather Flow	17.7 ML/d

#### **RECYCLING** Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	0.3%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EX174	Year of construction	2007 (Class A upgrade)
Water Treatment	Intermittent Decant Extended Aeration (Class A)	Responsible Authority	City West Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

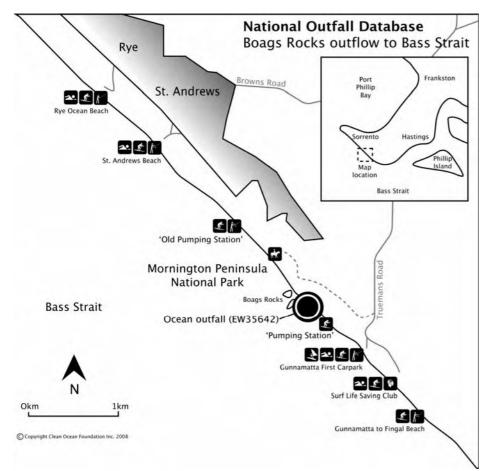
Submerged	Distance from shoreline	400m

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 50m	Water skiing	< 50m
Swimming	< 500m	Walking	> 500m

Signage at outfall	No	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No
Signage at > 100m		Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Gunnamatta



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT DISCHARGED** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	147,825 ML	Peak Dry Weather Flow	
Average Daily Flow	405 ML/d	Peak Wet Weather Flow	478 ML/d

#### **RECYCLING** Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	3.8%	Onsite re-use	4.8%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW35642	Year of construction	1975
Water Treatment	Secondary plus disinfection (Class C)	Responsible Authority	Melbourne Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

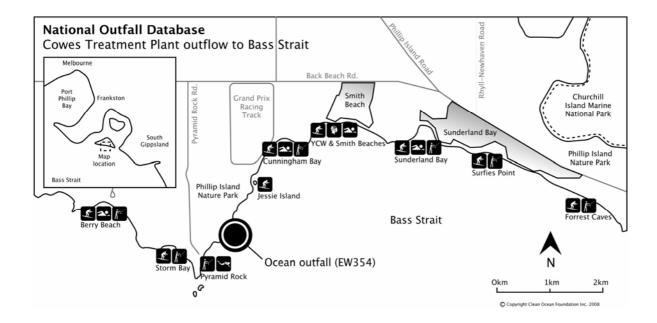
Below low tide mark	Distance from shoreline	30m

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 50m	Surfing	< 200m
Swimming	< 800m	Walking/horse riding	> 30m

Signage at outfall	Yes	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	Yes
Signage at > 100m	Yes	Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	Yes

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Pyramid Rock



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT DISCHARGED** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	785.6 ML	Peak Dry Weather Flow	
Average Daily Flow	1.85 ML/d	Peak Wet Weather Flow	5.3 ML/d

#### **RECYCLING** Effluent re-use (volume)

Onsite and offsite re-use (at treatment plant irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)	14.2%		
Annual offsite re-use	87.347 ML	Annual onsite re-use	24.455 ML

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW354	Year of construction	
Water Treatment	Secondary (Class C)	Responsible Authority	Westernport Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

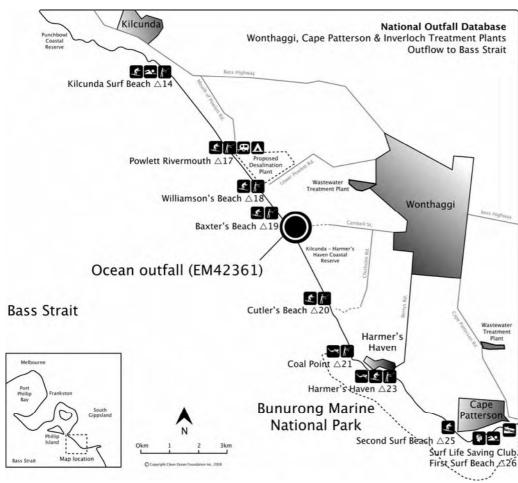
Below low tide mark

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 200m	Diving	< 200m
Swimming	> 1500m	Walking	> 500m

Signage at outfall	No	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No
Signage at > 100m	No	Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Wonthaggi



**VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	791.445 ML	Average Daily Flow	2.168 ML/d

#### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use (irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)	> 0% (Grazing land adjacent to Inverloch	Onsite re-use (at treatment plant)	0%
	Treatment Plant)		

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW42361	Year of construction	
Water Treatment	Secondary (Class C)	Responsible Authority	South Gippsland Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

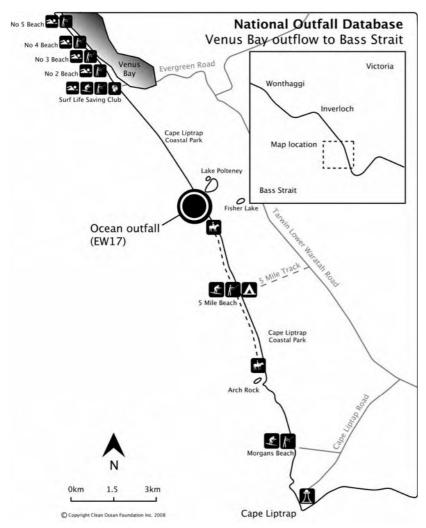
Submerged	Distance from shoreline	> 100m

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 500m	Surfing	< 500m
Swimming	> 2000m	Walking	< 500m

Signage at outfall	Yes	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No
Signage at > 100m	No	Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Venus Bay



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	963.6 ML	Average Daily Flow	4.5 ML/d

#### **RECYCLING** Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	0%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW17	Year of construction	
Water Treatment	Failure to comply with State Environment Protection Policy – upgrade planned	Responsible Authority	South Gippsland Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

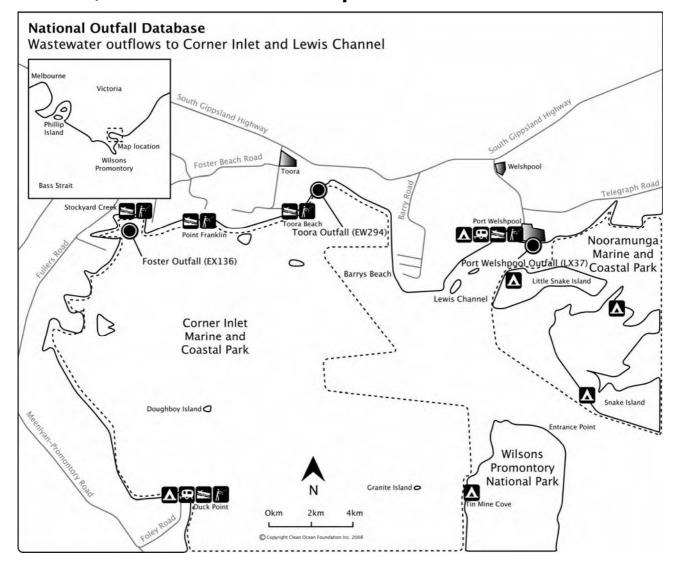
Shoreline	Distance from shoreline	0m

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	> 1000m	Surfing	> 1000m
Swimming	> 3000m	Walking/horse riding	< 50m

Marked in VicMap Topographical	Yes	Marked in Melways Road Mapping	Yes
Mapping			

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Foster, Toora & Port Welshpool



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

	Annual Flow	Average Daily Flow
Foster	87.85 ML	0.24 ML/d
Toora	17.42 ML	1.2 ML/d
Port Welshpool	21.84 ML	0.43 ML/d

#### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

	Offsite re-use (irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)	Onsite re-use (at treatment plant)
Foster	0%	0%
Toora	17.2 % (2-3 ML to sporting grounds)	0%
Port Welshpool	0%	0%

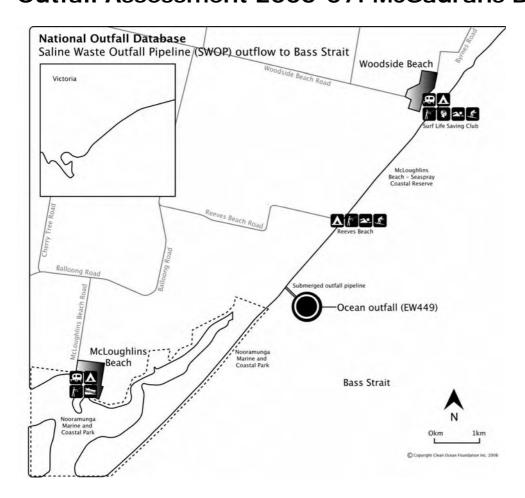
#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

	EPA Licence no.	Responsible Authority
Foster	EX136	South Gippsland Water
Toora	EW294	South Gippsland Water
Port Welshpool	LX37	South Gippsland Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINTS**

Foster and Toora outfalls discharge into waters protected by the Corner Inlet Marine and Coastal Park. Port Welshpool outfall discharges below the low tide mark to Lewis Channel on the western side of the Welshpool breakwater.

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: McGaurans Beach



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	7934 ML	Average Daily Flow	21.73 ML/d

### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	0%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	EW449	Responsible Authority	Gippsland Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

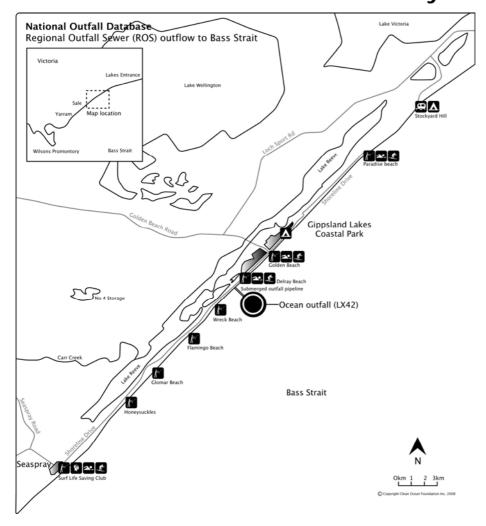
Submerged offshore	Distance from shoreline	500m	Location	509750, 5744500

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 100m	Surfing	> 500m
Swimming	> 500m	Walking	> 500m

Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No	Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No

# Outfall Assessment 2006-07: Delray Beach



#### **VOLUME OF EFFLUENT** (1 ML = 1,000,000 litres)

Annual Flow	7431 ML	Average Daily Flow	20.3 ML/d

#### RECYCLING Effluent re-use (volume)

Offsite re-use	0%	Onsite re-use	0%
(irrigation, industrial, domestic, sport field, golf course, etc.)		(at treatment plant)	

#### **OPERATION DETAILS**

EPA Licence no.	LX42	Responsible Authority	Gippsland Water

#### **DISCHARGE POINT**

Submerged offshore	Distance from shoreline	2000m

#### PROXIMITY TO BENEFICIAL USES

Fishing	< 100m	Surfing	> 2000m
Swimming	> 2000m	Walking	> 2000m

Marked in Melways Road Mapping	No	Marked in VicMap Topographical Mapping	No
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EX174\_City West Water\_Altona

EX136\_South Gippsland Region Water\_Foster

EW844\_Melbourne Water Corp\_Werribee

EW449\_Central Gippsland Region Water\_McGaurans Beach

EW354\_Westernport Region Water\_Pyramid Rock

EW340\_Barwon Region Water\_Lorne

EW339\_Wannon Region Water Authority\_Portland

EW328\_Wannon Region Water Authority\_Port Fairy

EW319\_Barwon Region Water\_Apollo Bay

EW318\_Barwon Region Water\_Anglesea

EW30\_Barwon Region Water\_Black Rock

EW294\_South Gippsland Region Water\_Toora

EW18\_Wannon Region Water Authority\_Warrnambool

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