Coal Terminal saves more drinking water than entire suburb

The Port Kembla Coal Terminal previously used large quantities of drinking water for environmental management and dust suppression activities, around 1 million litres a day, and was ranked in the Top 20 largest water users in the Sydney metropolitan area.

Peter Green, General Manager of Port Kembla Coal Terminal, said “I am proud that Minister Costa, Minister for Water, will officially turn the tap on to recycled water at the Coal Terminal today. The water saving of around 1 million litres of drinking water is more than the entire suburb of Mangerton uses every day.”

The Coal Terminal is now receiving high quality recycled water from Sydney Water’s adjacent Wollongong Sewage Treatment Plant under a 22 year supply agreement. Mr Green said “environmental management is critical to our success and as the first site to use tertiary treated effluent recycled water for dust suppression, it’s a momentous occasion.”

The Recycled Water project included the retrofit of the Coal Terminal’s existing water system, installation of new plant and equipment, pump-house upgrade and site pressure reduction. The project was implemented on time and on budget and will result in a huge saving of drinking water of 360 million litres every year.

The project was supported by the NSW Government’s Climate Change Fund.

“We will continue to manage dust effectively but we are now using recycled water to do so. We are very proud to turn the tap on for significant drinking water savings to the Illawarra community” Mr Green said.

Media Welcome - Project Launch – 9.30am Monday 1 June 2009
Administration Building, Port Kembla Coal Terminal, Port Kembla Road, Inner Harbour, Wollongong
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