

# VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

## MEDIA RELEASE



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### **PLANTING COMPLETE ON REVERSE OSMOSIS BUILDING ROOF**

Planting of the largest green roof of its kind in the southern hemisphere is complete at Victoria's new desalination plant.

The green roof is an important part of the plant's design, helping to integrate the desalination plant into the landscape and minimising visual impacts on the coastline.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Veronica Dowman, was there to plant the last seedling on top of the reverse osmosis building.

"Minimising the visual impact of the desalination plant was one of the key concerns for our local community," she said.

"I am certainly pleased to see the roof thriving the way it is. Plants that were tiny seedlings just a few months ago are now absolutely blooming."

"It is great to see the design concept of the green roof becoming a reality and blending the plant into the surrounding landscape."

The reverse osmosis building is the biggest of the 29 buildings on the site. Its green roof spans a total area of 26,000m<sup>2</sup> – bigger than the playing surface of the MCG.

The completion of planting on this roof is another significant milestone achieved successfully by Thiess Degrémont.

"It's a credit to the team that the planting has been completed in just over eight months, despite challenging weather conditions" said Project Director for Thiess Degrémont, John Barraclough.

Planting of a second, smaller green roof on the screen and feed building will commence soon.

The desalination plant's green roof system features over 100,000 indigenous ground covers, tussocks and low growing shrubs. Twenty-five different species have been carefully chosen to suit the coastal climate conditions of the site.

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**About AquaSure**

AquaSure has been contracted by the Victorian Government to deliver the \$3.5 billion Victorian Desalination Project. AquaSure brings together leaders in the fields of infrastructure design, construction, and finance.

**About Thiess Degrémont**

Thiess Degrémont is AquaSure's design and construct contractor, responsible for delivering Australia's largest desalination plant. Thiess Degrémont is a joint venture between Thiess, one of Australia's largest and most trusted construction and services companies, and Degrémont, world water treatment specialist and a key player in sustainable water development.

