

Fact sheet

PERFORMANCE OF MELBOURNE'S STORAGES 2000-2009	
RAINFALL AND STORAGES	
Rainfall over major catchments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual average for the decade – 1,285 mm (6.3% below 30 year average) Grand total for the decade – 12,852 mm (9.3% below 1990s total)
Streamflow into reservoirs (gross) <i>(Amount of water flowing from the major catchments into Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah Reservoirs)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual average for the decade – 391.1 billion litres p.a. (20.4% below 30 year average) Grand total for the decade – 3,911 billion litres (32.6% below 1990s total)
Storage levels on 1 January 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57.6%
Storage levels on 31 December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37.5%
Storage low for past 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25.6% on 24 June 2009
Storage high for past 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63.0% on 29 November 2000
CONSUMPTION	
Melbourne's total water consumption <i>(Amount of water used by residential, business and industry. Does not include water provided to Western Water from March 2000 onwards)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total for the decade – 4,307 billion litres (10.0% lower than 1990s total) Annual change in total consumption from 2000 to 2009 – 27.3% lower in 2009

Note: storage percentages do not account for impact of capacity changes over the period.

COMPARISON OF DAM INFLOWS	
1920-29	6,056 billion litres
1930-39	6,312 billion litres
1940-49	6,023 billion litres
1950-59	7,584 billion litres
1960-69	5,257 billion litres
1970-79	6,117 billion litres
1980-89	5,033 billion litres
1990-99	5,804 billion litres
2000-09	3,911 billion litres

Note: recorded inflows into Maroondah, O'Shannassy, Upper Yarra and Thomson (including historical data from locations where dams were later built)

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