



Bosch Water Conservation Plan Saves Eleven Million Litres Per Year

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- ▶ \$250,000 invested in water saving projects
- ▶ Environmental training for all staff

Bosch Australia addresses the need to reduce water consumption

Water restrictions are now in force across the majority of Victoria as we face one of the driest periods on record.

At Bosch Australia, water is a vital resource for the manufacturing of automotive components, thereby making it one of Victoria's top industrial water users. Bosch has spent over \$250,000 over the last two years to reduce the amount of water required for all processes, as well as investigating further reduction opportunities.

Bosch has successfully exceeded its goal of reducing annual water consumption by achieving an 18 per cent reduction over the past twelve months.

The most significant water reduction initiative has been a Water Recycling Plant for De-ionised water production. This process allows the re-use of eleven million litres of water on site. That's eleven million litres of water Bosch no longer sources from Melbourne reservoirs each year.

Bosch Australia proactively encourages further water saving by conducting environmental awareness training for all staff on site. The training sessions outline the current state of the environment in Australia and around the world, and importantly Bosch's role in contributing to environmental protection. Employees are informed and enter into discussions on how individuals can make a huge difference to the environment by making small changes in the workplace, as well as at home.

"Corporate responsibility goes far beyond purely business interests. It lies at the intersection of business, society, and the concerns of environmental protection and resource conservation." says Krister Mellvé, President of Robert Bosch Australia. "It is the obligation of the company to develop innovative and beneficial ways to save water."

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The Bosch Australia site in Clayton has waterless gardens and lawns, flow reduction in bathrooms and kitchens, as well as dual flush toilets being rolled out across the site. Water is re-used in cooling towers, toilets and other non potable processes which are estimated to save over one million litres of additional water annually.

Bosch Australia will continue to identify and implement further water saving initiatives. Our slogan "Invented for life" conveys the ambitious standards we have set ourselves and the values that we have long stood for. Invented for life stands for reliable technology designed and built to last. At the same time it embodies innovations and technology that contribute to the conservation of resources, sustainable development, as well as helping people improve the quality of life, both for themselves and others.

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The special ownership structure of the Bosch Group guarantees its financial independence and entrepreneurial freedom. It makes it possible for the company to undertake significant up-front investments in the safeguarding of its future, as well as to do justice to its social responsibility in a manner reflective of the spirit and will of its founder. A total of 92 % of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by the charitable foundation Robert Bosch Stiftung. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG.

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