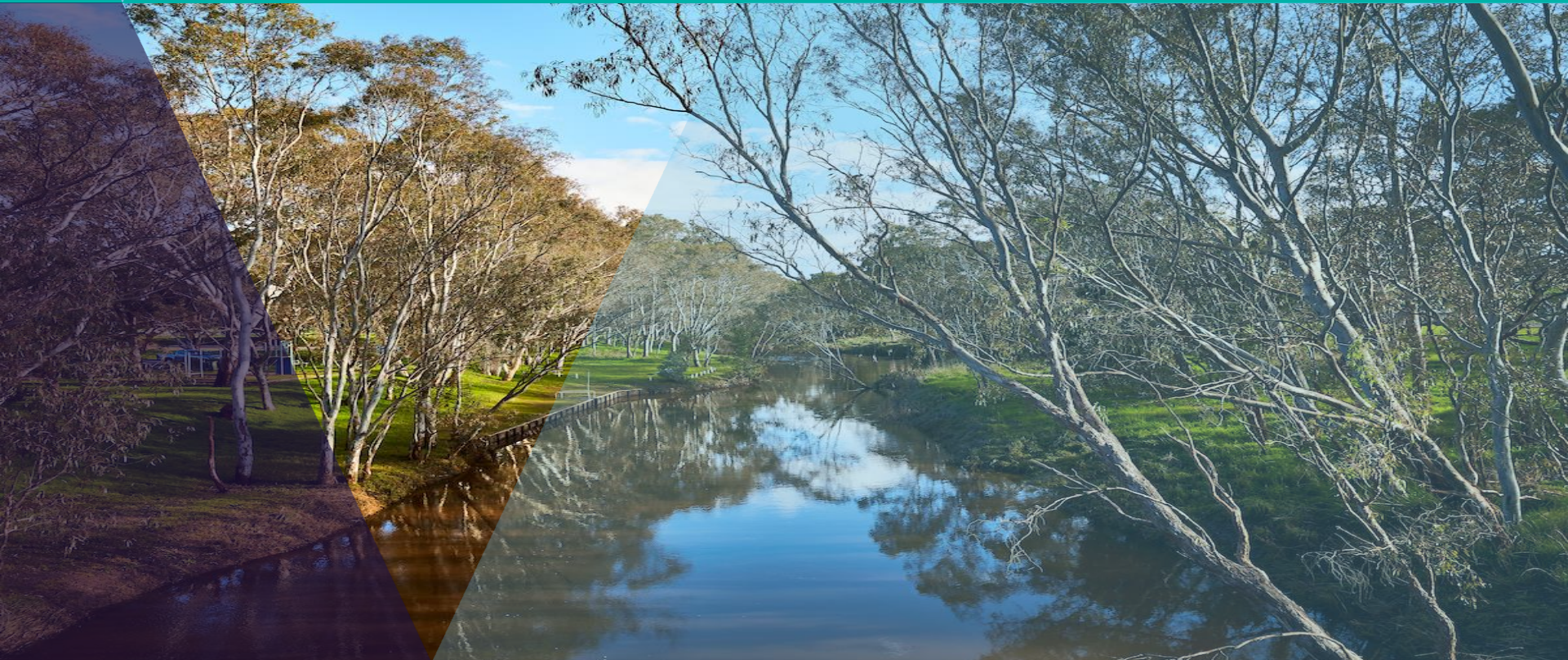


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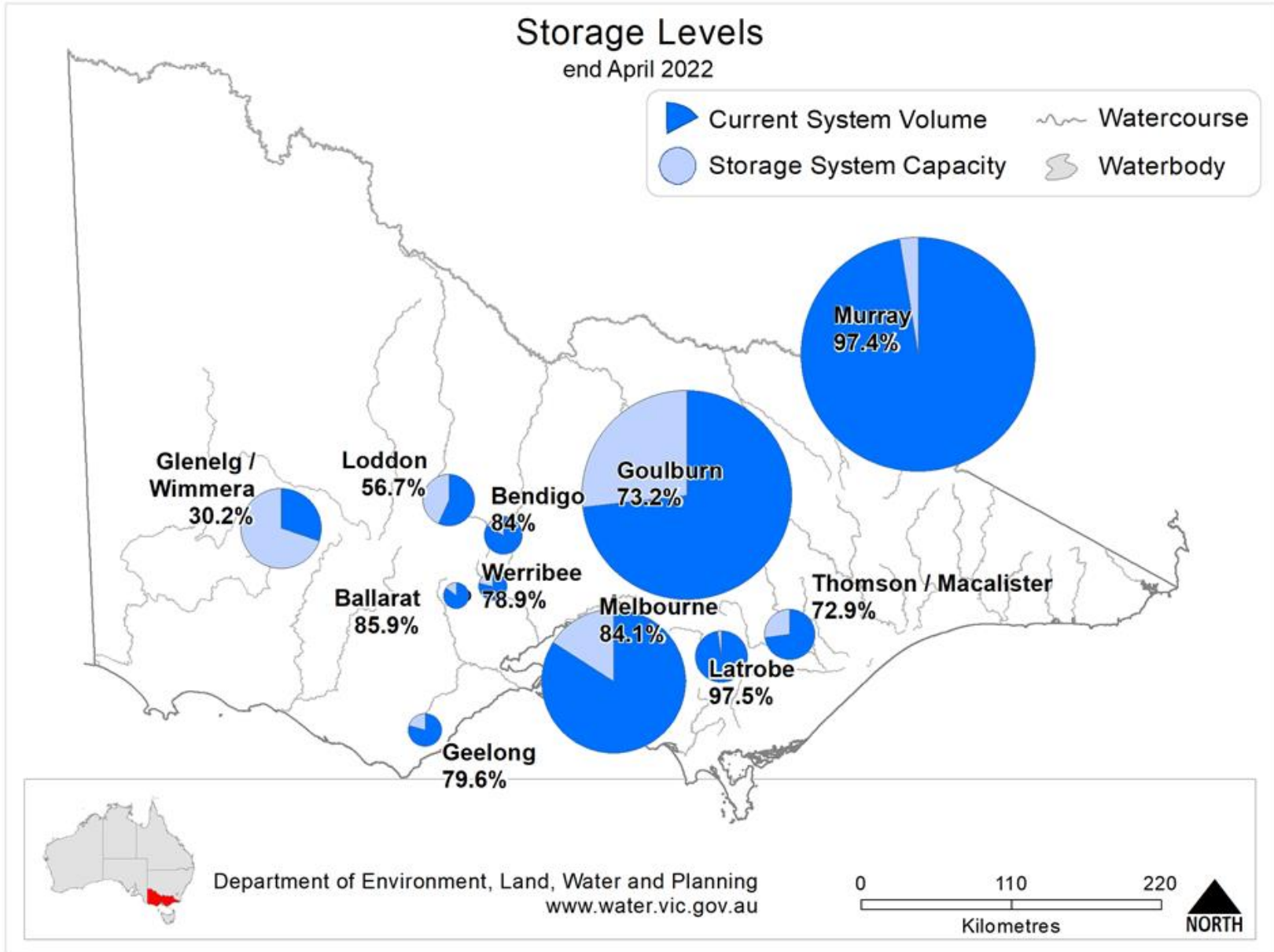


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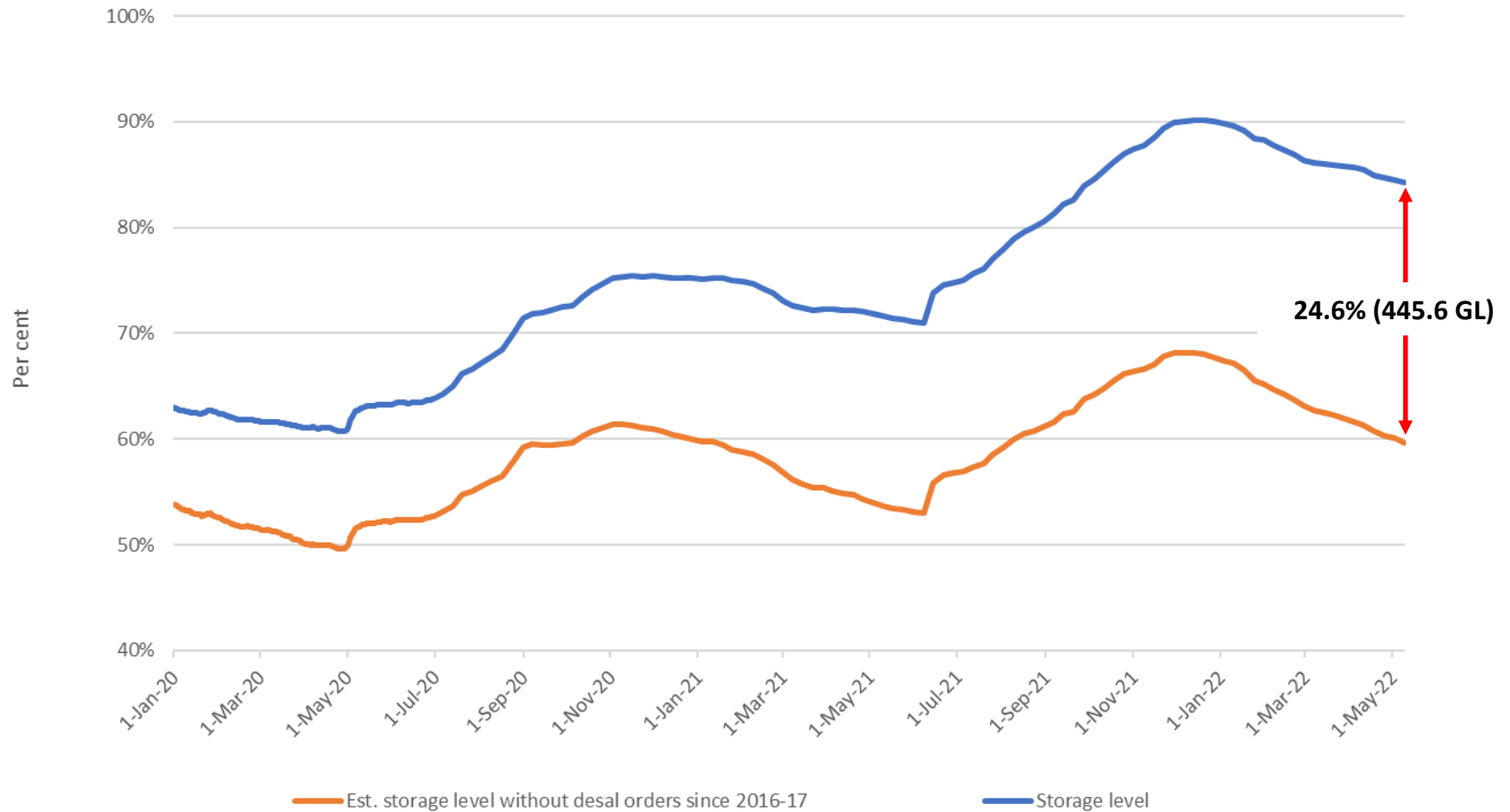
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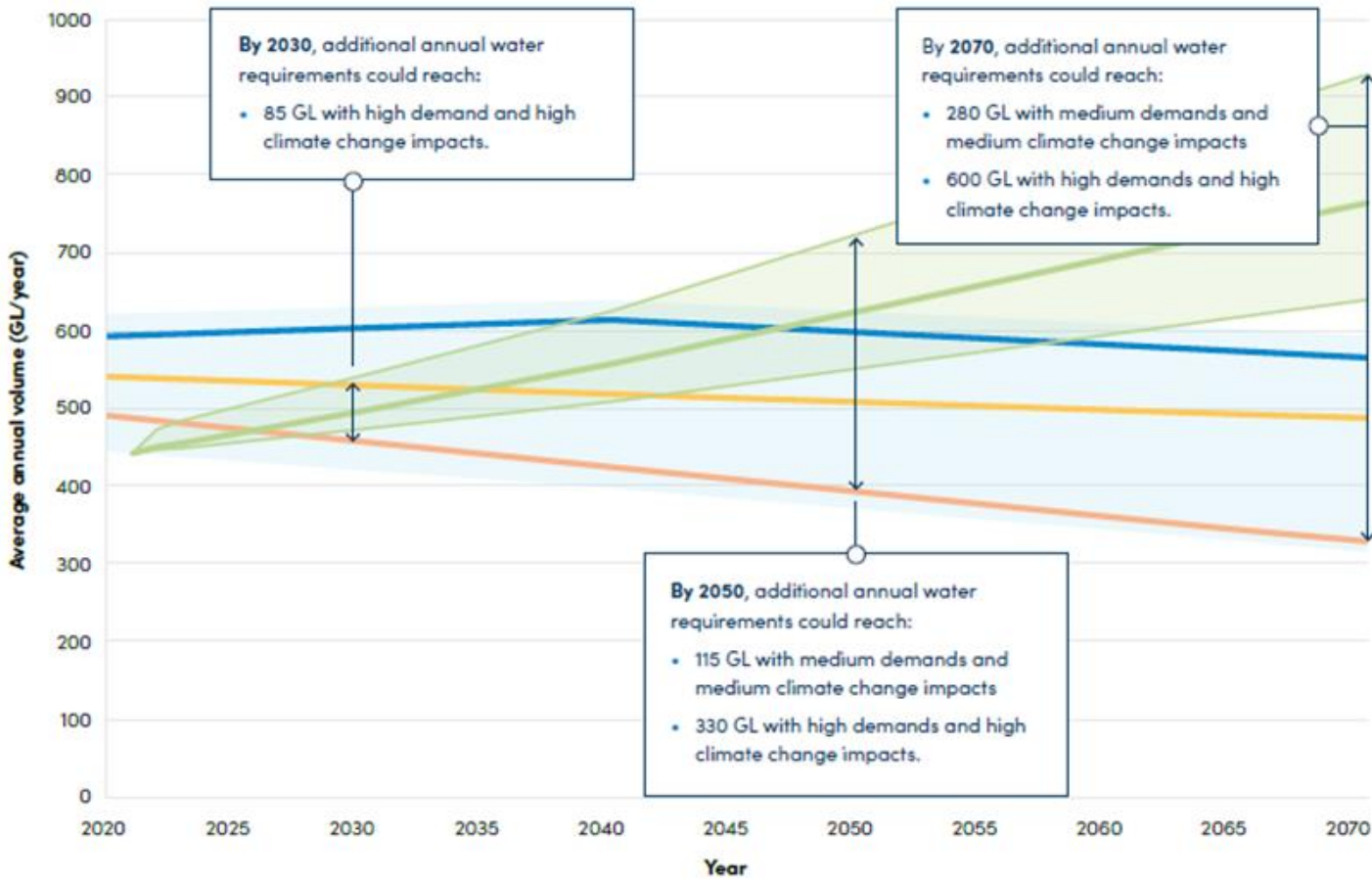
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## Melbourne storage levels with and without desal (1 Jan 2020 to 9 May 2022)



# Longer term water security challenge



# Our Strategy - *Water for Victoria*

## Water security

Desalination and the water grid

Water security for Greater Melbourne, Geelong and South Gippsland

Planning for the future through the CGRSWS

## Urban water

IWM forums , planning, and delivery

Delivering on-ground projects

Water efficiency through T155, SWEP and rebates

## Murray Darling Basin and rural water

Completed Connections Project

Meeting Basin plan obligations

Secured funding for WEP

Improving water markets and delivery

## Protecting our waterways for communities

Investing \$224 million in waterway and catchment health

Protecting iconic urban rivers – Yarra, WoW and Barwon action plans

Recreational water access

## Returning water to Traditional Owners

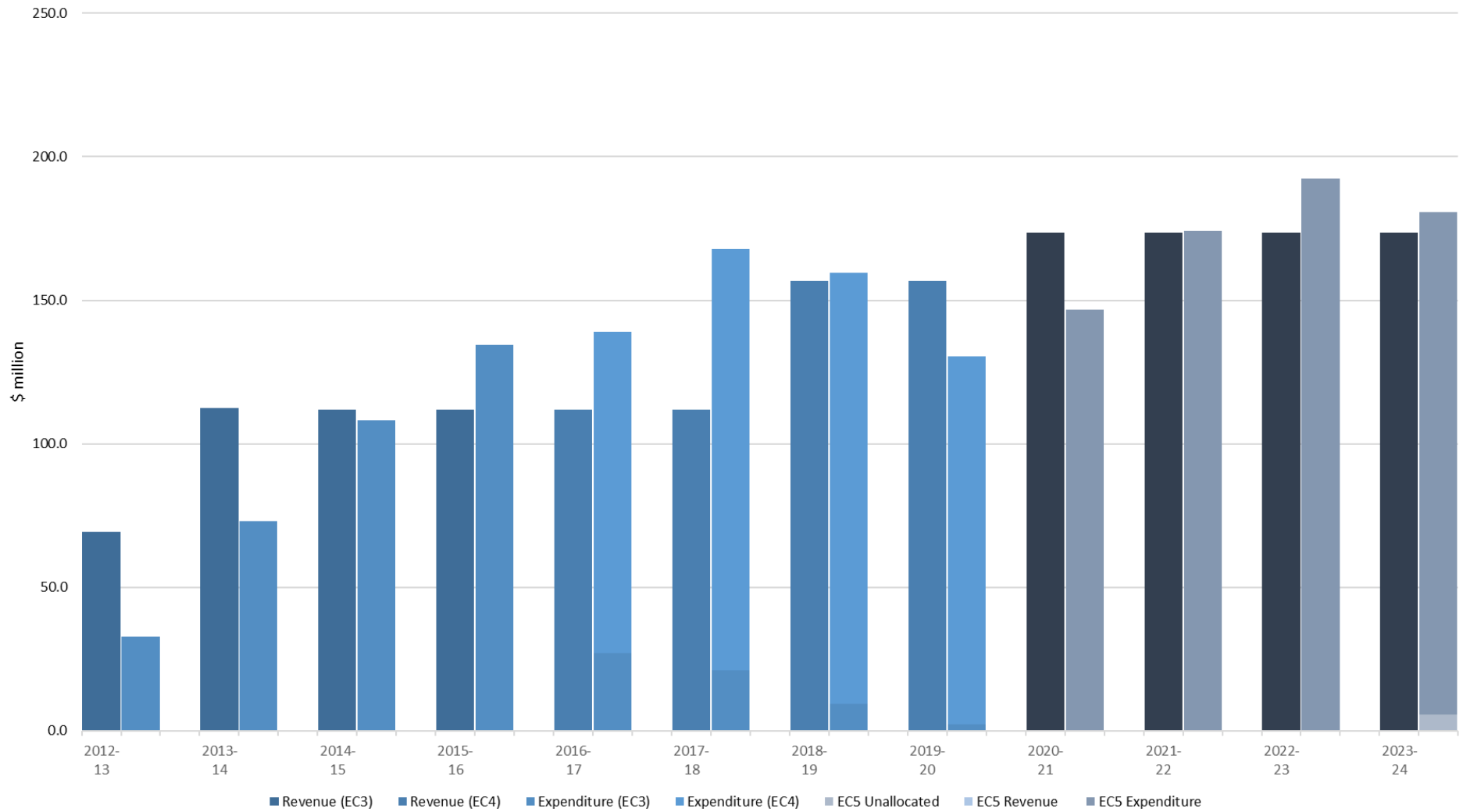
Water entitlements for self-determination

Participation in planning and decision making

Participation in management of landscapes

# Environmental Contribution investment

## Environmental Contribution Levy Tranches 3 and 4 and 5



## Water for Victoria – delivery supported by strong investment

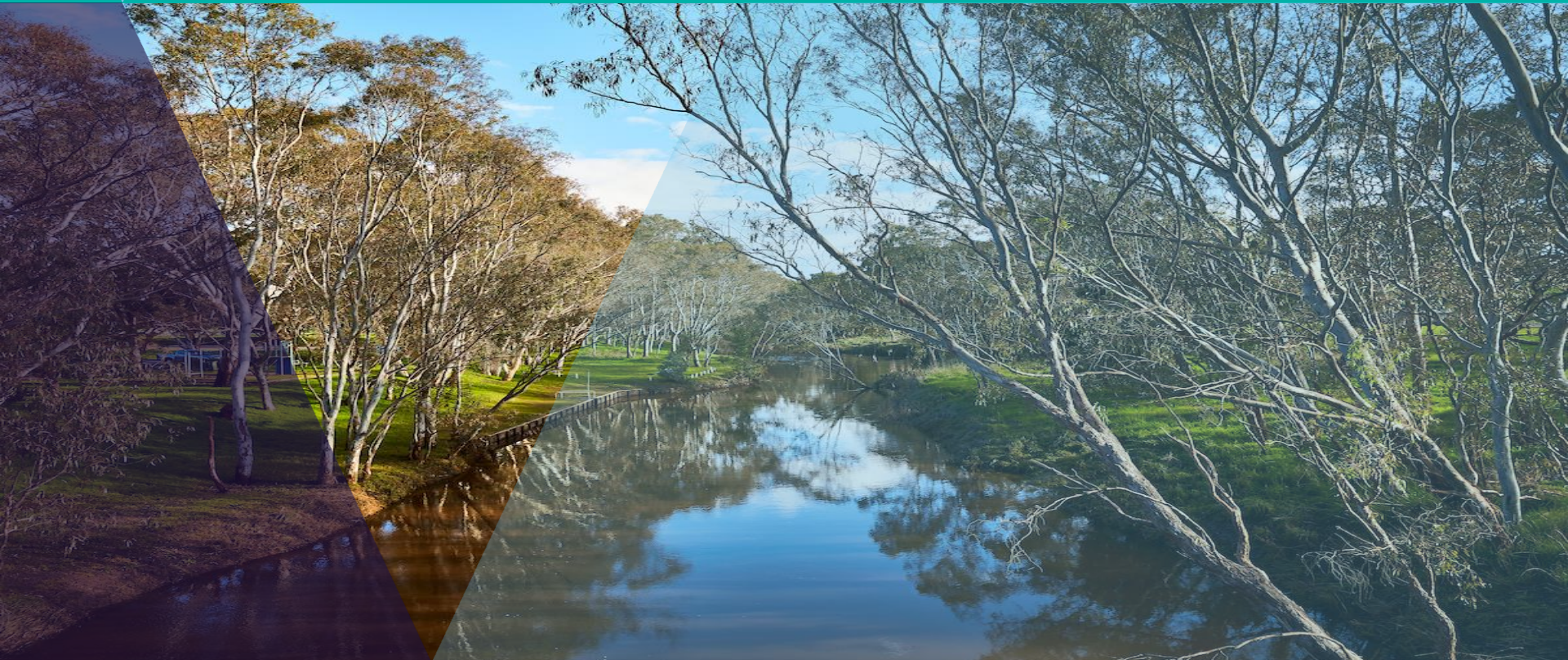
This budget brings the Victorian Government's investment in water security, waterway health and infrastructure to over **\$774 million** over the five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

The 2022-23 Budget provides **\$112.3 million** for water including:

- **\$56.6 million** for the *Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy* – our 50-year water security plan – to support jobs, communities, industry and agriculture across the region. This includes:
  - \$39 million for more recycled and stormwater projects;
  - \$10 million for waterway and catchment health projects;
  - \$6 million to help protect our water sector from the harsh effects of climate change as part of the Water Cycle Adaptation Action Plan; and
  - \$1.6 million to explore ways regional Victoria can unlock more benefits from the desalination plant.
- **\$51.8 million** for a long-term solution to mine-affected groundwater under Bendigo, with remediation works to support tourism at Central Deborah Gold Mine and protect the natural environment of Bendigo Creek.
- **\$3.9 million** to support the water aspirations for Aboriginal Victorians and develop leadership opportunities for Aboriginal Victorians on water sector boards.



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