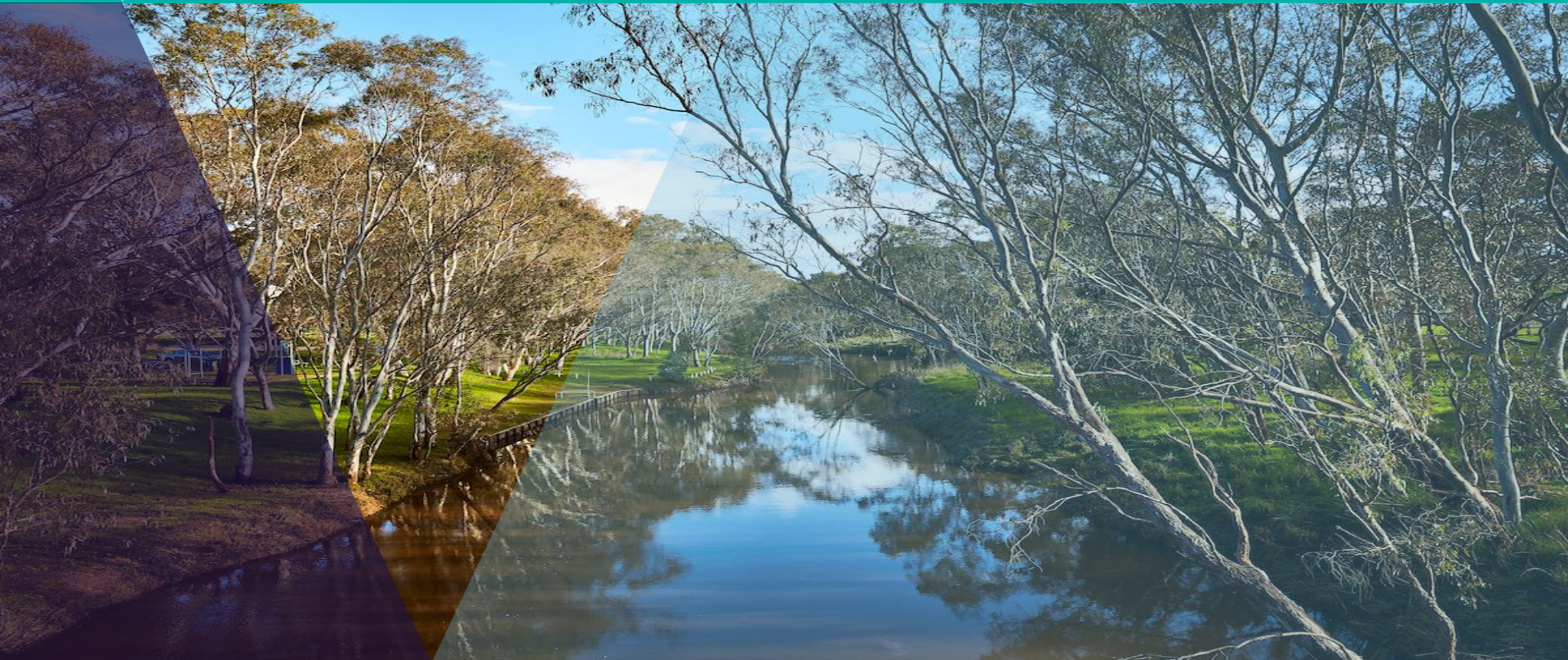


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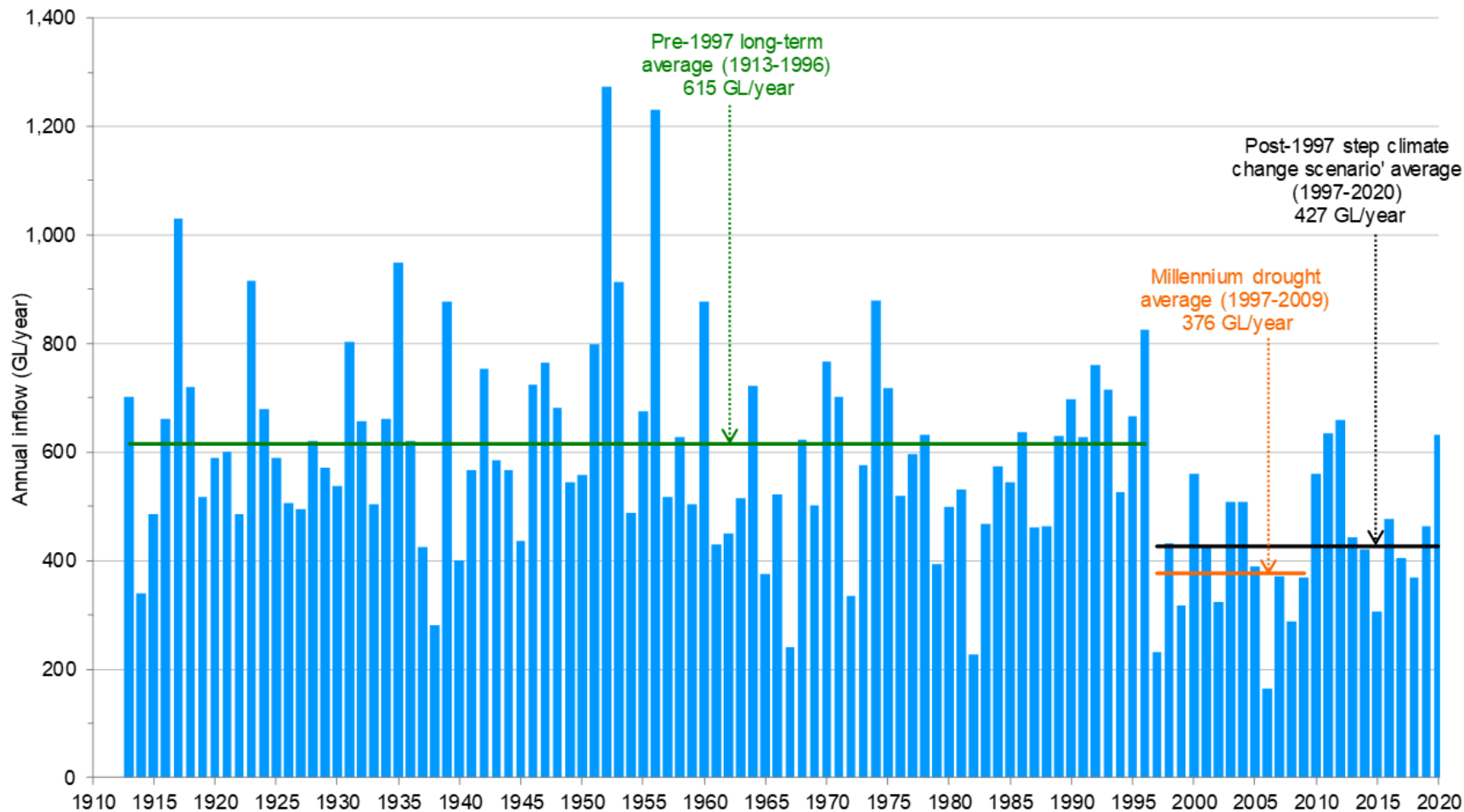


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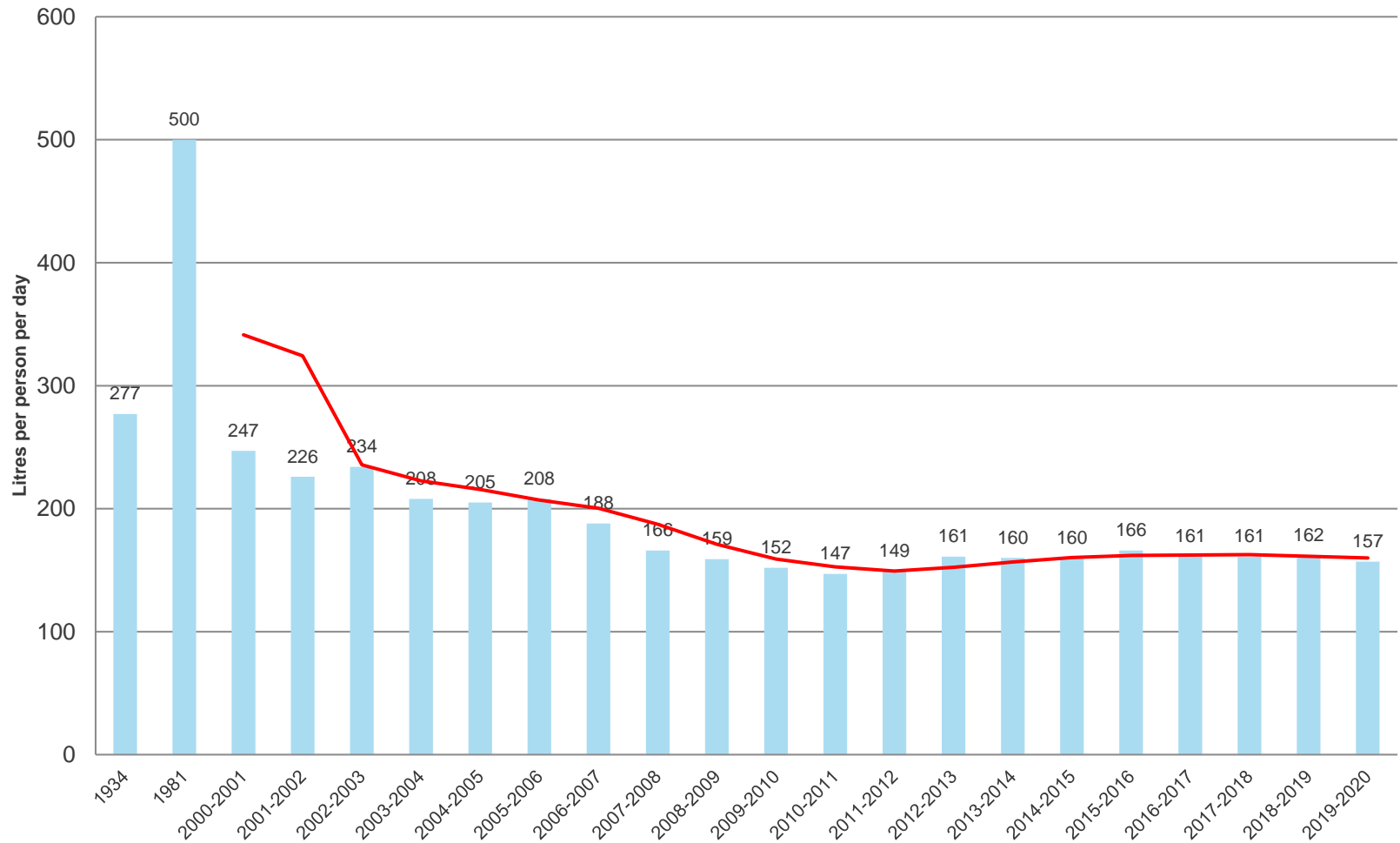


Our climate has changed – the challenge to water security

Streamflow into Melbourne's four major harvesting storages



Melbourne's Per Capita Water Consumption



Water for Victoria – delivery supported by strong investment

Over the four years from 2020-21 to 2023-24, the Government has put in place over \$660 million investment to continue a next stage of implementation of Water for Victoria

The 2020-21 Budget allocated **\$562.3 million** from the Environmental Contribution including:

- **\$223.8 million** for *Improving the health of Victoria's waterways and catchments in the face of escalating impacts of climate change*
- **\$65.1 million** for *Enhancing urban water security, iconic urban waterways and recreational water*
- **\$59.3 million** for *Water wise rural communities*

The Building Works Package provided an additional **\$48.4 million** to various water projects that prioritised economic recovery

The 2021-22 Budget provides a further **\$43.9 million** for water including:

\$24.5 million for *Supporting regional communities and economic recovery through healthy waterways*

\$8.5 million for *Delivering a sustainable solution for Bendigo's Central Deborah historic mine workings and Bendigo Creek*

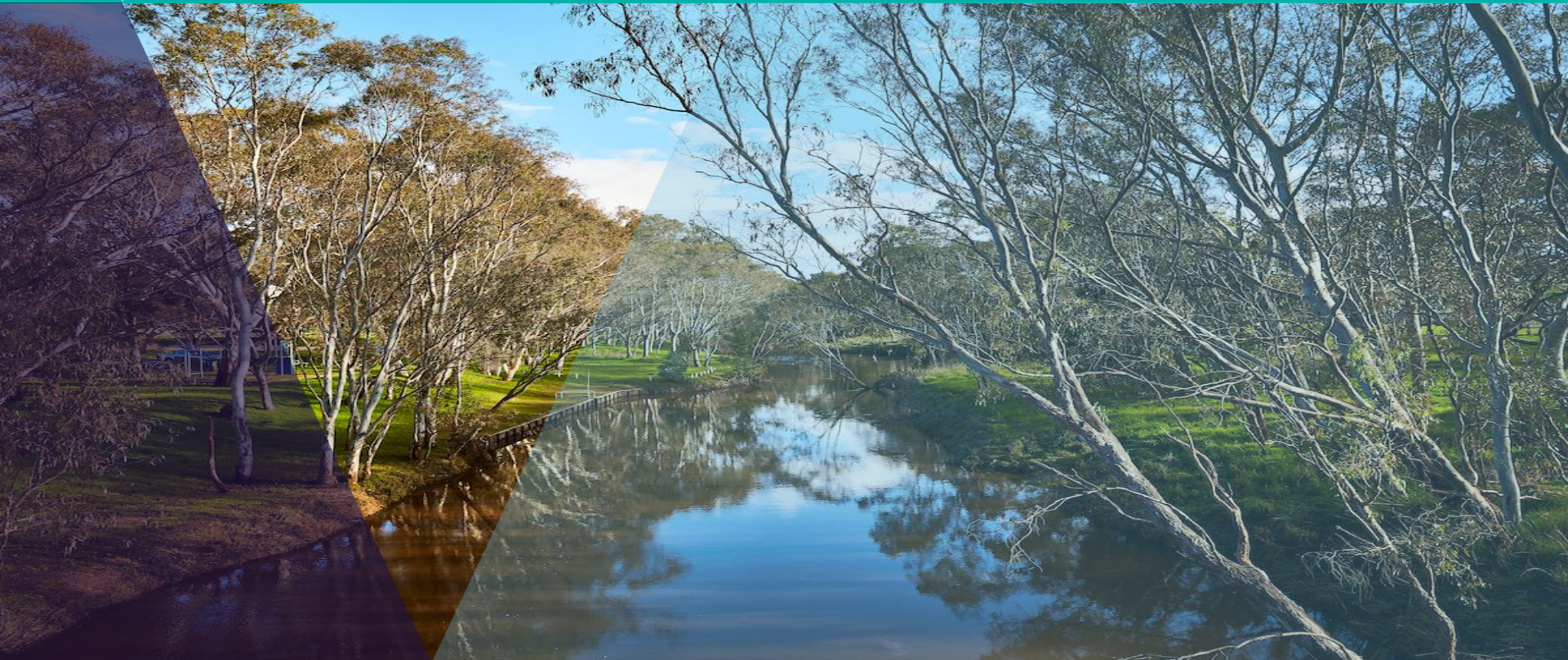
\$8.4 million for *Resilient water markets, regional communities and infrastructure*

\$2.5 million for *Compliance and interceptions: protect reliability of water entitlements and maximise water resources for regional business and communities*

An additional \$5.8 million for restoring bushfire affected waterways and catchments will be provided through the Bushfire Recovery Victoria package



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