

Dear ESC,

As another lake-side resident concerned by the complete and utter mismanagement of the Quiet Lakes over the years by Melbourne Water (and the Bracks-Brumby Labor State Governments), albeit one that is backpacking overseas at the moment and unable to respond as fully as I would like, I fully support and endorse the submission made by Peter Steck.

The Lakes are in a deplorable state, not necessarily due to lack of precept funds but rather due to MW's consistent mismanagement over the last decade or so, as Peter or the residents group can point out. Severing the bay pipeline was a major step backward, but only the beginning. I would suggest MW restore the infrastructure, at their own cost, and get the Lakes back to original swimmable-water-quality design, before hitting residents with significant precept increases to make up for their own negligence and incompetence. I urge you to consider MW's request accordingly.

Kind regards,

Andrew Verlei