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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Environment and Communications References Committee
Inquiry into the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023 [Provisions]

SENATOR DAVID POCOCK - Asked the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction:

What population, or number of households, is the Molonglo treatment plant capable of supporting?

MR RATTENBURY MLA - The answer to the Senator's question is as follows:

Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre (LMWQCC) was originally built and designed to support an equivalent population (EP) of 270,000 (approximately 220,000 people). In 2010, Icon Water augmented LMWQCC; increasing nominal capacity to cater for 550,000 EP (approximately 450,000 people). Capacities can be heavily influenced by network performance, particularly during severe wet weather events which may require additional operational controls such as utilising network storage to manage flows through the plant.

We continually review plant performance and population projections and there are several projects underway to augment this capacity to cater for 790,000 EP (660 000 people) when completed. These are planned for construction during 2026 – 2030, with active procurement for a delivery partner underway.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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