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## **GEELONG RECYCLING PLANT TO SAVE UP TO 135 MEGALITRES OF WATER EACH YEAR**

Leading Australian maltster Barrett Burston is pleased to announce commencement of operations of its state-of-the-art water treatment and recycling plant. The Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant was officially opened by Victorian Minister for Water, Peter Walsh MP today.

The Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant is treating around 500,000 litres of wastewater each day, reducing the Barrett Burston plant's reliance on Geelong mains water by up to 135 megalitres of water each year and the discharge of trade waste water by around 140 megalitres per year.

"Barrett Burston is very grateful for the Victorian Government's support for this project and we see it as an excellent example of government and business working together to achieve an outcome that works for business and works for the community," General Manager of Barrett Burston Malting, Noel Johnson said today.

The Victorian Government contributed \$1 million, with GrainCorp providing the \$1.4 million balance.

"This project is a demonstration of Barrett Burston's commitment to our Geelong plant and cements it as one of the leading malt houses in the country.

"Our plant is working at full capacity, producing approximately 100,000 tonnes of malt each year, with around two-thirds of this being exported to international customers," Mr Johnson said.

The project involves:

- Converting around 80% of the water used in the malting process back into water that meets Australian drinking water guidelines – this water is then reused in the plant;
- Introducing technology including a membrane bioreactor and reverse osmosis; and
- Upgrading the plant's aeration pond.

"We are strongly committed to reducing our impact where we can," Mr Johnson said. "This project is just one of various projects GrainCorp Malt is undertaking around the world to reduce energy and water usage."

Barrett Burston is part of GrainCorp, eastern Australia's largest grain handler and one of the world's largest maltsters.

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