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Illawarra Coal's Dendrobium Mine saves water

Illawarra Coal's Dendrobium Mine has continued its commitment to reducing its environmental footprint by commissioning a recycled water pipeline, and making a significant water saving.

The \$100,000 pipeline enables recycled water from old mine workings to be pumped to pit top facilities for use on the surface, resulting in a dramatic reduction in the Mine's purchase of Sydney Water at a time when water is a precious commodity.

For some time, the mine has used the recycled water underground, but this investment in pipeline infrastructure has enabled the water to be pumped to the surface for a wider use.

Illawarra Coal's General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said the utilisation of good quality recycled water across all of Dendrobium's operations has significantly reduced the Mine's need for Sydney Water.

"Using recycled water across all of Dendrobium's operations in areas such as the wash-down bay for mine vehicles, and portal road dust suppression system, has significantly reduced the need for Sydney Water from 90 Megalitres a year to less than 20 Megalitres," he said.

"That's the equivalent of saving almost 70 Olympic sized swimming pools of water each year."

Mr Brannon added that this is one of several innovative projects that Illawarra Coal has recently implemented across all of its sites.

The completion of Dendrobium's pipeline project, coupled with Appin Mine's Water Filtration Plant and West Cliff Mine's WestVAMP power plant, highlights Illawarra Coal's commitment to reducing the Company's environmental footprint of its mining related activities.

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