

Submission to Critical Infrastructure Centre cicentre

I believe the following email that I sent today 28/8/20 to the Victorian Water Minister is self explanatory in terms of what is needed to safeguard critical Victorian water infrastructure.

28/8/20 Dear Water Minister

I am sure you are aware of the Vic Emergency advice at 11:37am 28/8/20:

Issued Today at 11:37 AM.

This **Advice** message is being issued for Northern and Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

- If you live in the Northern and Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne the tap water is not safe to drink without boiling first.
- Power outages overnight caused undisinfected water from Silvan Dam to enter the water supply system.
- This has resulted in potentially unsafe water entering the water system and customer taps.

I am writing to ask:

1. why there were no arrangements in place to cope with a power outage, as it is surely reasonably foreseeable, and the result of not having protection against such an outage causes potential or actual harm to many thousands of residents of Victoria?
2. Will the government ensure protection against unsafe water caused by power outage is implemented in Victoria? And within what timeframe?
3. If the government will not ensure that protection, why will it not do so?
4. when was the Vic emergency advice first issued? If the first advice was as at 11:37am above, why was it left so late after the event (which occurred "overnight")?

Regards

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