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DO NOT DRINK - Yan Yean Reservoir PARK – Important Information

This only affects Yan Yean Reservoir Park.

This does NOT impact nearby residents, the Yan Yean Reservoir, the Melbourne Water Treatment plant or mains water supply to nearby residents or Yarra Valley Water customers.

What has happened?

A small tank has been determined to be in poor condition, which has been supplying drinking water to Yan Yean Reservoir PARK. Due to condition of the tank, Yarra Valley Water have issued a Do Not Drink advisory and this will be in place until investigation and testing of potential water quality contamination can take place.

What areas are affected?

This impacts users at the Yan Yean Reservoir PARK and includes drinking taps and toilet blocks at Yan Yean Reservoir PARK. Signage will be placed at impacted taps/areas.

Will I be able to tell that the water is contaminated? Is there a smell, taste or does it look different?

Don't take any risks. We are unsure at this stage whether there is any contamination and are investigating the possibility of this. Users of Yan Yean Reservoir PARK should not drink water from the facilities there.

Have you overreacted?

We have publicised the warning while we continue investigations because the wellbeing of the community remains our first priority.

What is banned?

Water is not to be used for drinking, mixing hot or cold beverages, food preparation, making ice, brushing teeth or gargling until further notice. **All other uses are ok.**

Can I drink the water if I have boiled it for 3 minutes?

No. We are still investigating the situation and are unsure what may have contaminated the water—if it has been contaminated at all.

Can I use and flush the toilet?

Yes, you can use and flush toilets.

What about bathing and showering?

You can continue to bath and shower if there are facilities at Yan Yean Reservoir PARK available, however take care not to swallow any of the water. As a precaution, babies and toddlers should be sponge-bathed.

What will happen if the water is undrinkable for hours/days?

If test results show that the water is unsafe to drink, 'do not drink' signage will remain in place at the park until the water is safe to use again.

What are the symptoms associated with the reports of illness?

There are no known reports of illness. This advisory is in place whilst we investigate potential contamination.

What do I do if I have experienced symptoms?

Contact your local doctor/GP/hospital.

Can my pets drink the tap water?

No, pets should also drink water from an alternative source until the Do Not Drink Advisory is lifted.

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