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WAGGA WAGGA WATER BASIS FOR NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

The National Water Commission launched a new weapon for managing water in Australian cities in Canberra on Tuesday.

The project, costing almost \$1m, has taken three years to complete. The work was done by University of Technology Sydney and the Institute for Sustainable Futures in conjunction with all the major metropolitan water utilities.

In addition to the major coastal cities, Wagga Wagga was used as a case study, involving both Riverina Water County Council and Wagga Wagga City Council.

A number of guiding documents, based on the principle of Integrated Resource Planning, were launched.

One of the key outcomes of the project was development of a computer model for evaluating supply and demand for water.

The General Manager of Riverina Water County Council, Graeme Haley said the new work has already benefitted Wagga water customers. 'We are currently developing a 30 year strategy and an Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan. Our team has incorporated much of the Integrated Resource Planning work into our strategy. An example of this is demand management evaluation. This means that we can better juggle the balance between how much water we have available and how much water should be used, including the price.

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