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## Australia

## Hunter Water awards Veolia with largest ever contract to operate water and wastewater treatment plants

Hunter Water Corporation has awarded Veolia a contract to operate and maintain 25 of its water production and wastewater treatment plants in the Hunter region (New South Wales, Australia). This €193 million contract (AUD279 million), which comes after an international tender process, is the largest ever awarded by Hunter Water and marks the first time operation and maintenance of its plants has been taken to tender.

Under the eight year contract, Veolia will operate and maintain the plants which supply potable water and wastewater treatment services to over half a million people across six local government areas in New South Wales. Veolia's global and unparalleled expertise in water operations will allow for the implementation of best-practice technologies, whilst also helping to ease cost pressures for local families and businesses.

Veolia has been present in Australia for over 20 years and operates more than 30 water production and wastewater treatment plants in Australia and New Zealand. The contract adds to Veolia's existing presence in the Hunter region, with Veolia partnering with some of the region's biggest companies including Tomago Aluminium, Eraring and Rio Tinto Coal.

Founded in 1880's, Hunter Water is Australia's largest state-owned water utility. It provides drinking water and wastewater services to 570,000 residents and customers in the Hunter region.

**Veolia** is the global leader in optimized resource management. With over 200,000 employees\* worldwide, the company designs and provides water, waste and energy management solutions that contribute to the sustainable development of communities and industries. Through its three complementary business activities, Veolia helps to develop access to resources, preserve available resources, and to replenish them.

In 2013, Veolia supplied 94 million people with drinking water and 62 million people with wastewater service, produced 86 million megawatt hours of energy and converted 38 million metric tons of waste into new materials and energy. Veolia (*Paris Euronext: VIE and NYSE: VE*) recorded revenue of €22.3 billion\* in 2013. www.veolia.com (\*) Excluding Transdev employees and revenue currently under divestment

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