

Street Light Project Nears Completion

A bulk streetlight replacement project in South Gippsland is almost complete. Over 1,800 streetlights have been replaced with LEDs as part of the project, saving Council up to \$160,000 each year and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 300 tonnes per annum.

The streetlight replacement project is being facilitated in conjunction with East Gippsland Shire Council and Wellington Shire Council, using collective buying power to reduce the cost of the project. Over 5,000 energy efficient street lights will be installed as part of the project, with the energy and capital cost savings across the three councils estimated to be \$9.4m over the life of the assets.

The new lights are estimated to be 86 per cent more efficient than what was previously installed. The remaining 270 inefficient streetlights in South Gippsland Shire will be replaced later this year.

The streetlight replacement project has been made possible with funding from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. This program supports local Councils deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Mohya Davies:

"It's great to see this project nearly complete in South Gippsland as it has many benefits for our community. In addition to the financial and environmental savings, improved streetlighting also helps residents feel safer in our local townships. I would like to thank everyone involved in delivering this project for thinking collaboratively and working with other councils to produce savings for our community."

Quote attributable to Mr Russell Broadbent MP, Member for Monash:

"The bulk replacement project will see a saving of approximately \$9.4 million in energy and capital costs across all three councils over the lifetime of the assets. This saving will help councils redistribute funds where it really matters."

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