

Desal plant reaches 20 billion litre mark

The Gold Coast Desalination Plant has now supplied more than 20 billion litres to the South East Queensland Water Grid.

This amount of water is equivalent to about 8,000 official Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Chief Executive Officer of WaterSecure, the statutory authority responsible for the plant, Keith Davies said this was a great achievement for the plant and proof of the important contribution it is making to the region.

“The desalination plant has the capacity to supply up to 133 megalitres to the water grid each day, or enough water for over 665,000 residents consuming 200 litres per day each year,” Mr Davies said.

“The plant has been supplying up to 3000 litres a second, a huge amount of water which is freeing up pressure on our dams.”

Combined with its water recycling scheme, WaterSecure has supplied almost 50 billion litres to the South East Queensland water grid.

The Gold Coast Desalination Plant was named 2009 Global Membrane Desalination Plant of the Year by Global Water Intelligence.