

Belgrave Heights & Belgrave South Sewerage System

The Benefits of Connecting

South East Water and The Shire of Yarra Ranges are encouraging all property owners to connect to the sewerage system as soon as it is available.

Why should I connect?

Connecting to the sewerage system will provide benefits to you, your family and the community as a whole. Some of the benefits of connecting to the system include:

- *Cleaner groundwater with fewer potential contaminants*
- *Cleaner wetlands, waterways, river catchments and local environment*
- *Reduced public health risks*
- *Eliminated septic tank maintenance, problems and cost*
- *Eliminated wastewater seepage and dampness in your yard*
- *Reduced odours*
- *Increased volume of sewerage available for treating and recycling locally, saving our precious drinking water*
- *Increased property resale potential.*

What if I don't connect?

Not connecting to the sewerage system would mean continued potential for:

- *Public health risks*
- *Groundwater contamination, leading to degraded wetlands, waterways and river catchments*
- *Environmental degradation and impact on sensitive areas*
- *Wastewater seepage causing odours and dampness in your yard*
- *Problems, maintenance and associated costs of septic systems.*

If you choose not to connect to the sewerage system within the first 12 months, we will send you a 'Notice to Connect' under Section 65(a) of the Water Industry Act 1994 (Vic). This notice is a legislative requirement that simply reminds you that you can connect to the sewerage system in your area.

At this point an encumbrance clause will also be placed on your property on our Property Information System, which advises any new property owner that the property is not connected to the sewerage system and outlines how they can connect in the future.