

# *MEDIA RELEASE*

## Plumbing regulations changes boost savings

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Tenants can now change over their showerheads to a three-star water efficient model with their landlord's permission rather than having to bring in a certified plumber to do the job, according to South East Water.

Water saving showerheads are available for free in exchange for older, not-so-efficient showerheads from South East Water.

South East Water's Manager Key Customer Relationships Glenn Goldsmith said previously tenants were not permitted to change over showerheads themselves and they needed to engage a licensed plumber to do the work.

The new Victorian Plumbing Industry Commission Regulations remove restrictions on who can change over three-star showerheads and do minor repairs to household taps.

"The previous regulation was a little extreme as a householder is perfectly capable of changing their own showerhead," Mr Goldsmith said.

"Key changes in the regulations include removing restrictions on showerhead changeovers and minor tap repairs."

The work involved is not complex, and must still be completed in compliance with plumbing standards. It is confined to minor repairs so structural damage is not anticipated.

The Victorian Plumbing Industry Commission will continue to monitor work of this nature to ensure that compliance standards are maintained.

For the purposes of section 221D(2)(b) of the Act, the change over of a 3 star shower head in a dwelling is plumbing work that may be carried out by a person who is not a licensed or registered plumber.

For more information about how to exchange and change over your showerhead, log on to [www.southeastwater.com.au](http://www.southeastwater.com.au).

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