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Fast Facts

1. Melbourne's ecological footprint has been estimated at an average of 4.7 hectares per person –Victoria's average is 4.5 hectares per person.
2. Australian households spend an average of \$1,226 on goods and services that are hardly or never used each year.
3. Melbourne's average temperature is predicted to increase by at least 0.7° C over the next 65 years.
4. The waterways and storages of the Port Phillip and Westernport region provide most of the drinkable water for 75% of Victoria's population.
5. Melbourne's average annual household electricity consumption was 19.4% higher in 2001 than in 1996.
6. Victoria's energy sector (excluding transport) accounts for 67% of the state's greenhouse gas emissions.
7. Motor vehicles are the single greatest contributor to air pollution – including 83% of carbon monoxide, 41% of hydrocarbons and 63% of nitrogen oxides released into Melbourne's atmosphere.
8. Mortality due to air pollution in Australia is higher than the road toll, with an average of one death every four hours.
9. The Port Phillip and Westernport region has over 900 wetlands, including four of international significance.
10. Average gross value per hectare from the region's farms is around four times the state average.