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Dear Sir,

MEDIA RELEASE – WATER RECYCLING

Please find attached a media release describing the new technology used by Barry Bros. Specialised Services to collect and recycle water from telecommunication pits to sports grounds in the Parramatta area.

Yours sincerely,
PROGRAMMED MAINTENANCE SERVICES LIMITED

Ian H. Jones
Secretary

New system overcomes water shortage

Green sports grounds, parks, gardens and golf courses are possible in drought

Despite the threat of tougher water rationing as the heat of summer starts to bite, many western Sydney cricketers, AFL and touch football players can thank Barry Bros. for green playing fields this summer.

The company is using new technology to collect and recycle water that gathers in the underground telecommunication ducts and data cabling pits throughout Sydney and recycling it to irrigate the six hectare Doyle Ground, one of the largest and busiest sports grounds in the Parramatta area.

Together with a similar initiative in Melbourne, the Barry Bros. technology this year will save the equivalent of 12.5 million litres of drinking water.

The firm, part of the ASX-listed Programmed Maintenance Services Limited, installed the first groundwater treatment plant in conjunction with the City of Port Phillip, Victoria, to irrigate sporting ovals at JL Murphy Reserve in Melbourne.

Scope to save millions of litres in every capital city

"There is scope to save millions more litres of drinking water in every city of Australia with our recycling system," General Manager of Barry Bros., David Maple believes.

Barry Bros. which operates in all eastern states, is in discussions with Brisbane City Council and the City of Salisbury, South Australia, to implement similar schemes to water parks, gardens, golf courses and cemeteries.

The company was a finalist for the prestigious 2004 Banksia Environmental Awards, category 8 – Environmental Leadership in Infrastructure and Services for the Melbourne installation, which processes approximately 400,000 litres a month. Treated to Class C status, it is not fit for drinking, but ideal for irrigation.

Water restrictions are reducing the ability of many Councils to irrigate playing fields and, with the ground surface becoming dangerously hard, games have to be cancelled. This leads to both clubs and councils losing revenue, as well as many Australians missing their sport!

The recycling process

The Barry Bros. system at Parramatta involves Barry Bros. vacuum trucks collecting water from Telstra data cabling pits and transporting it to the recycling plant at the sports ground. It is pumped through the treatment plant, where a tangential flow system separates sludge from the water. Sludge is disposed of at a prescribed waste treatment site. The treated water is stored in tanks and fed into the Council's new irrigation system at Doyle Ground, where the town water mains have been turned off because of Sydney's current water restrictions.

The Parramatta plant is capable of treating up to 10,000 litres an hour and Barry Bros. estimates it will treat some 20,000 to 50,000 litres of water a day at Doyle Ground. Supply relies on Telstra providing access to its pits. Previously the water that accumulated in the underground cable ducts was taken to a prescribed waste treatment plant, and then discharged into the sewer.

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