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### **Not time for a backward step in Ballarat**

Meeting the challenge of ensuring ongoing adequate water supplies for Ballarat and region must not include an easing in population and economic growth in the city.

Chairman of the Committee for Ballarat, Prof David James, said it was vital the city maintain its momentum of development and growth despite the water challenge.

He said the Committee would continue to support the City of Ballarat in all its endeavours to maintain and build upon the city's economic momentum.

“We must quickly address the water shortage crisis and that process has already begun,” he said.

“Central Highlands Water is working with the State Government and all other relevant authorities to bring the Goldfields Superpipe into fruition. That is a positive process – which the Committee supports – with the potential to assist with ongoing development,” Prof James said.

“It is to be hoped the Federal Government will provide the financial support for the Goldfields Superpipe which is being sought by the State Government.

“This funding is required as a matter of priority to ensure that the new pipe and water supplies it will deliver are on line sooner rather than later.”

Prof James said the Committee for Ballarat would do everything within its power to continue to promote economic growth and development in the city, outcomes he said were essential for the future.

“We will also work with all relevant groups to develop a long-term water strategy for the city which will ensure a continuation of adequate, long-term supplies.”

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