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Firm banking on water shortages

A MORNINGSIDE company has moved into water cartage in a big way on the expectation business will boom in the next two years.

Impact Water, an offshoot of landscape business Impact Grounds, operates seven stainless steels tanks each with a capacity of over 25,000 litres.

Managing director Dominic Murray said Level 5 restrictions lead to a surge in demand for water from tankers.

"I would expect demand to really grow when we get to

Level 6. I wouldn't expect the councils or the government to let consumers come back off restrictions for years," he said.

Mr Murray said the biggest demand came from the construction sector, where water was needed for dust suppression.

"But it will move over into swimming pools because as new pools have to get filled up the pool business will be huge," he said.

Mr Murray said it cost about \$1500 to fill a pool, which was a fraction of the

\$30,000 to \$40,000 it cost to build one.

Impact Water is accredited by the Swimming Pool and Spa Association of Queensland to supply its members. Mr Murray said the accreditation was evidence the water, which is supplied from an aquifer west of Ipswich, was not being taken from council mains.

He said it was frustrating to see other water carters taking the water from mains but expected authorities to stamp out the practice eventually.