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\$40 million water upgrade goes ahead – TasWater, getting the job done

TasWater has signed a multi-million dollar contract for the installation of eight water treatment plants, pipelines and improved reticulation networks to upgrade drinking water supplies in small towns and communities across Tasmania.

It follows the finalisation of solutions for the Regional Towns project which will see the removal of all public health alerts, put in place by the Department of Health and Human Services, by the end of August 2018.

National water technology company, Trility has been awarded the job of installing eight water treatment plants, costing around \$13 million with local contractors winning the work of supplying, building and commissioning essential equipment for the operation of the treatment plants.

TasWater Chairman Miles Hampton congratulates Trility and its partner Hydramet on being awarded the contract and looks forward to continuing the improvement of water supplies.

To help facilitate this work, Trility has opened an office in Launceston along with a manufacturing facility where the treatment plants will be manufactured in a module form to be installed in Herrick, Gladstone, Mathinna, Cornwall, Rossarden, Conara, Bronte Park and Wayatinah.

TasWater has announced a further contract with company Zinfra for the construction of new pipelines enabling the upgrade of water supplies in the towns of Epping Forest, Colebrook and Judbury.

Although nationally based, Zinfra has a substantial presence locally with many Tasmanian employees.

As well as installing 50 kilometres of pipe, Zinfra also has the job of building five reservoirs, seven pump stations and four re-chlorination stations.

Tasmanian based companies Stornoway and Water Industry Solutions are also sharing in TasWater's \$40 million programme to improve water supplies in regional townships

Work to be carried out by Hobart based, Water Industry Solutions includes assessment and the upgrade of water reticulation systems, repairing and replacing water mains to minimise water loss through leaks and maintain quality.



Work to be carried out by Stornoway – a local Tasmanian company that has been in business for over 40 years – includes upgrades to systems supplying five townships.

TasWater Chairman Miles Hampton says getting this work underway is great news for many small communities in regional Tasmania.

Since it was formed four years ago, TasWater has focused on improving services where the drinking water has not meet Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Towns which have so benefited from the removal of public health notices, include Lilydale, Westbury, Exton, Carrick, Whitemark, Fingal, Tunbridge, Scamander, Ellendale and Nichols Rivulet.

Since July this year the Department of Health and Human Services has approved the removal of boil water alerts in Mole Creek, Lady Baron, Ringarooma, Branxholm, Derby, Legerwood and not consume notices in Avoca and now Winnaleah.

“Over the next decade TasWater plans to spend \$1.5 billion on building and upgrading Tasmania’s water and sewerage infrastructure. It is based on protecting the health of the community and the environment and will serve generations of Tasmanians well into the future”, Mr Hampton said.

“Our plan is fully funded at the same time as maintaining a manageable level of borrowings, without imposing a long standing and ongoing debt to be paid off by the Tasmanian community.”

“TasWater acknowledges there is a lot of work to do but we are committed to ensuring all our customers will be able to drink water straight from the tap by the end of August next year.

For more information on TasWater’s progress in removing permanent public health alerts from 24 regional towns across Tasmania, visit 24glasses.com.au

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