



BURWOOD BEACH WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS MASTER PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS



HUNTER WATER IS CURRENTLY CONSULTING WITH THE COMMUNITY, CUSTOMERS, COUNCILS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES ON FUTURE UPGRADE PLANS FOR THE BURWOOD BEACH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

ABOUT THE PLANT

The Burwood Beach plant is Hunter Water's largest wastewater treatment works (WWTW). It serves the equivalent of approximately 185,000 people in the Newcastle area and parts of Lake Macquarie. This is equivalent to around 25% of Hunter Water's customers.

CURRENT WORKS – STAGE 2

The plant has already undergone several upgrades in recent years, the latest being the \$43 million Stage 2 Upgrade currently under construction. In order to continue to meet the long-term needs of the community and other key stakeholders over the next 30 years further work is required.

MEETING LONG TERM COMMUNITY NEEDS – STAGE 3

The next upgrade will address a broad range of technical, environmental, social and financial issues. These include matters such as sustainable wastewater management, maintaining high water quality at local beaches, Environment Protection Licence compliance, greenhouse gas emissions, impacts on customer bills and so on.

THE COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP (CRG)

A Community Reference Group (CRG) has been established to provide feedback on the project. The CRG includes eight community members from a range of interest groups and an independent chair. Hunter Water is also consulting with other key stakeholders on this project, including councils and government agencies, the wider community and other interested parties.

PROJECT PROGRESS

Hunter Water is currently in the early stages of the Master Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase of this project. A long-list of potential upgrade options has been prepared for consideration.

A decision on a preferred option for Burwood Beach is anticipated in mid 2012.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Comments on the project can be provided to Hunter Water via email to burwoodprojectteam@hunterwater.com.au or by phoning the Project Manager, Lauren Randall on 4979 9754. More information is also available on the Hunter Water website www.hunterwater.com.au, under "Major Infrastructure Projects".

We welcome any comments you may have and will consider all stakeholder input as the project proceeds.