



A MESSAGE FROM HUNTER WATER
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BOULDER BAY WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS (WWTW) UPGRADE



We're upgrading your local wastewater system to improve our waterways and the environment surrounding Boulder Bay.

This newsletter provides an important update about a key project happening in your local area.

IMPROVING YOUR WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Hunter Water plans to upgrade the Boulder Bay Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) to ensure residents continue to receive high standards of wastewater services and enjoy cleaner waterways.

By expanding our wastewater treatment system, Hunter Water is able to cater for our growing population and meet higher standards of environmental protection.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The primary reason for the Boulder Bay WWTW upgrade is to enable the facility to cope with a growing population of full time residents, along with the surges in demand created during holiday periods.

Recent monitoring indicates that growth in the Boulder Bay catchment has slowed, allowing for a slight delay in delivering the plant, this also means construction work can be deferred over the Christmas season, reducing the impact for residents and tourists during the holidays .

Commencement of the Stage 2 upgrade will be delayed until mid 2010 to best schedule the construction activities efficiently. The proposed road and access track closures as well as the boundary fence realignments planned for January 2010 will also be delayed.

Hunter Water is committed to ensuring that the plant has the capacity to treat wastewater to a standard that assures your environment remains protected and the water quality of local beaches continues to be pristine.

By extending the design and construction period, we are able to improve efficiency and meet the tight community and environmental requirements of delivering the Boulder Bay WWTW upgrade.

The delay will allow also for more efficient resource sharing across other Hunter Water wastewater treatment upgrade projects being delivered by the Hunter Treatment Alliance, thereby reducing costs.

Hunter Water looks forward to working with the Port Stephens community and all associated stakeholders during the project to ensure a successful outcome for the Boulder Bay WWTW upgrade.

OUR CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS

The Hunter Treatment Alliance, who will be undertaking the upgrade to Boulder Bay WWTW will continue to keep you informed as the project progresses.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE UPGRADE?

You can find out more by visiting our website at www.hunterwater.com.au or by calling (02) 4913 5644.