



# Media Release

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## **Pressure will be on for Anna Bay customers**

Anna Bay Hunter Water customers are one step closer to improved water services with the announcement of the winning tenderer for the new reservoir and pipeline for the rapidly growing area.

The \$5 million project, which includes a new pipeline, will create a 7ML reservoir on a parcel of Hunter Water land located within Tomaree National Park, aimed at delivering a more reliable water supply to the Tomaree community.

Dean McInnes, Hunter Water's Manager of Network Delivery, said the new reservoir and pipeline would also prepare the area for expected growth.

"The new reservoir will improve the reliability of water services to our existing customers and eliminate low pressure issues experienced by some Anna Bay residents.

"It will also increase our capacity to provide reliable services to new customers as the area's population grows," Mr McInnes said.

The tender was awarded to AJ Lucas Operations Pty Ltd, with construction expected to begin in March and last for 12 months.

The investment is part of Hunter Water's four year \$1 billion capital works program of new infrastructure projects including pipes, mains, pumps, treatments plants, sewers and water recycling facilities recycling.

"Port Stephens is a prosperous region attracting new permanent residents as well as tourists every year, making it a focus for growing the capacity of our network," Mr McInnes said.

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