



# Media Release

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## **Secure water locked in for Dungog residents**

Hunter Water has awarded construction of the 30ML water storage tank near Dungog Water Treatment Plant to AJ Lucas Operations Pty Ltd, bringing local customers one step closer to a more secure water supply.

Dean McInnes, Hunter Water's Manager of Network Delivery, said the new tank would be five times bigger than the existing one.

"The new 30ML tank will provide a minimum of six hours of treated water storage if the treatment plant is off-line for any reason, improving on the current facility's 6ML, or one hour capacity.

"The \$17 million clear water storage tank will ensure greater reserves of treated water if the Dungog Water Treatment Plant were to go offline," Mr McInnes said.

He said the project was part of a record infrastructure investment by Hunter Water.

"Hunter Water is currently implementing a four year \$1 billion capital works program of new infrastructure projects including pipes, mains, pumps, treatments plants, sewers and water recycling facilities recycling.

"Construction of the Dungog clear water storage tank project is expected to commence in March for completion within 2010 and will support 50 jobs in total.

"Dungog is a growing part of the prosperous lower Hunter region, and Hunter Water is committed to delivering reliable, high quality water services to existing and future residents," Mr McInnes said.

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