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Work to start on \$5M boost to Maitland water system

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Member for Maitland Frank Terenzini today announced that Hunter Water has engaged a Hunter company to complete the first of a series of projects worth \$15M that will improve water services in the Maitland area.

Mr Terenzini said Daracon Engineering has won the contract to build a 2.3km major trunk water main running from Louth Park to Maitland Park.

He said work on the \$5 million project will start this month and is expected to be complete by November, before the onset of summer.

“Significant growth in industry and population in the Maitland area has stretched the water supply system at certain peak times, particularly in areas like Aberglasslyn,” Mr Terenzini said.

“I have been a strong campaigner for investment in infrastructure to improve water services in the Maitland electorate,” he said.

“Following representations from some residents I have been working with Hunter Water for the past 18 months to develop the best solutions for our area.”

“The upgrades to water mains allow for continued development in the area and will also help to reduce the number of low water pressure events experienced by some residents.”

“The other good news from this project is that it will sustain approximately 14 full-time jobs.”

“This project is part of the NSW Government’s and Hunter Water’s plan to invest a record \$850 million over the next four years to ensure the people of Maitland and the rest of the Hunter continue to receive a high standard of water and wastewater services.”

The Maitland/North Rothbury water supply system currently supplies approximately 25,000 properties. The Lower Hunter Regional Strategy predicts the system will need to serve an additional 26,500 properties in the next 25 years.

Other projects being planned to improve the Maitland water supply include a \$6 million project comprising a new reservoir at Windella, two new pumping stations and 4km of new water mains as well as a \$4 million upgrade of trunk water mains at Telarah.