



# Media Release

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## **Information session for new sewer customers**

Hunter Water will hold a community information session in Clarence Town next week about the new sewerage scheme and wastewater treatment works.

The information session, next Tuesday, 23 November from 4-7pm at the Clarence Town School of Arts Hall, will provide local residents with a chance to hear about how works are progressing and learn more about connecting to the new scheme.

The Clarence Town Sewerage Scheme is an \$11 million project that will provide health benefits to local residents and protect the environment by allowing residents to replace on-site wastewater disposal systems with a reliable reticulated sewerage network.

Hunter Water's General Manager Infrastructure Delivery, Chris Turnbull, said the scheme would service the existing concentration of over 420 properties in the urban settlement at Clarence Town.

"The new sewerage network will result in significant environment and public health benefits and will also reduce costs for residents who will no longer have to pay pump-out and maintenance charges," Mr Turnbull said.

"In addition, the new Wastewater Treatment Works will be able to produce 92 million litres of recycled water a year, which will be used for irrigation at the site,"

The Wastewater Treatment Works will incorporate two oxidation ponds, a maturation pond and an effluent storage pond as well as recycled water capability. Mr Turnbull said the plant would feature significant recycling capability.

"In dry weather, treated effluent will be reused onsite for irrigation of pasture. The plant will only discharge to Wallaroo Creek in significant prolonged wet weather events when creek flows are high, and in accordance with the Environmental Protection Licence for the facility," Mr Turnbull said.

Mr Turnbull said it was expected that residences would be able to connect to the system by mid 2011, when the construction of the pipelines, pumping stations, wastewater treatment plant and reuse system were completed.

The Clarence Town Sewerage Scheme is part of the NSW Government's Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program, a long standing initiative supporting the development and provision of water and sewer services in regional and rural NSW.

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