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## **\$15 MILLION WATER INVESTMENT IN LOCHINVAR'S FUTURE**

Hunter Water will spend \$15.5 million on new water and sewer infrastructure to cater for 5,000 new homes to be built in Lochinvar.

The area is expected to transform from rural to residential and is a major driver of Maitland's population boom, which is expected to reach 100,000 people by 2040.

The project includes laying a 3 kilometre watermain from Winders Lane to a soon to be built pumping station on St Helena Close, and constructing a new sewage pump station on the New England Highway.

Hunter Water Interim CEO Jeremy Bath said the project would help bring affordable housing and families to the area.

"Lochinvar is on the brink of becoming a vibrant suburban setting, bringing with it young families and new investment.

"Hunter Water is excited to be a part of Lochinvar's transformation. Building the water and sewer infrastructure today means that development can proceed quickly and with certainty.

"Lochinvar will be the perfect place for families to build their home, retaining its scenic rural views and the commercial services of Rutherford being just five minutes away.

"The \$4 million pipeline to be built between Winders Lane and St Helena Close will not only supply the urban release area, but also improve water security for nearby Greta.

"Hunter Water is in the midst of a record investment in the Maitland area, with \$205 million to be spent in the area over the next decade.

"Maitland is one of the biggest growth areas in NSW, and each new home needs its taps to run with good pressure, and toilets to flush away for high quality treatment.

"Farley Waste Water Treatment Works processes the sewage from Maitland and its western suburbs, and will also undergo a \$48 million expansion to allow for the new development in the area.

"In East Maitland, Morpeth Waste Water Treatment Works will receive an \$18 million upgrade, allowing it to treat hundreds of litres more in sewage every second, and service the new Lower Hunter Hospital at Metford.

"This work in Maitland will provide more than just infrastructure for the future, it will also provide an economic boost, with hundreds of workers shopping and dining in the area.

"Hunter Water's upgrades in Maitland make up part of the \$1 billion, 10 year infrastructure program that is about allowing our region to grow and prosper with high quality water and sewer services while keeping water prices the cheapest in the country," he said.

Work in Lochinvar will start in January 2016 and be completed the end of 2017.

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