



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## DUNGOG CONNECTIONS TO THE CTGM

The intention of Hunter Water in providing property owners with direct connections to the Chichester Trunk Gravity Main (CTGM), was that the raw water would be used for irrigation and other purposes suited to non-potable water.

For several years Hunter Water has communicated that the water is not filtered and therefore does not meet the current Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. We have been working with these customers over the past 18 months to ensure they have access to another supply of water for their potable needs.

Hunter Water has progressed two solutions based on engineering advice and community feedback including a rainwater tank solution or an onsite water treatment kit.

We are working closely with each property owner to determine a solution that best suits their individual needs, given every property is different and no single design will be completely the same for all. Hunter Water is funding, project managing and delivering the solution.

Hunter Water has been open and transparent through this process. The vast majority of property owners we have met with have been positive and cooperative about the project.

In relation to the Deed of Agreement, this project to deliver a reliable, potable water source is about equity of outcome, not equality. Each customer would be entering into a commercial agreement with Hunter Water. Given each property will have a solution tailored to their individual needs, it is appropriate that the commercial arrangements be kept confidential.