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WYEE'S GROWTH POTENTIAL RECOGNISED IN SEWER EXPANSION

More homes and businesses in Wyee will be able to connect to Hunter Water's sewerage network, with Minister for Energy and Utilities Don Harwin announcing the project's expansion.

The scheme includes direct sewer connections for 400 homes and businesses. Following community feedback and updated growth forecasts, the system will now provide additional capacity for up to 2750 new residential homes in the future.

Minister Harwin said the NSW Government recognised the growth potential of Wyee.

"We have long acknowledged Wyee has great potential and we're committed to helping it meet that potential by investing in the expansion of this scheme.

"Expanding the scheme now makes economic sense, ensuring the right infrastructure is delivered to provide capacity for new homes in Western Lake Macquarie, increasing the overall investment to more than \$36 million.

"I'm pleased to report that Hunter Water has made significant progress in the design and environmental assessments for the new sewer system, with construction work expected to start by mid next year.

"Even with the expansion plans, the project remains on track to be delivered for connection by December 2020," said Mr Harwin.

Member for Lake Macquarie Greg Piper welcomed the expansion.

"I'm delighted the NSW Government has decided to expand this important project. In addition to the 400 homes and businesses, which will be directly connected now, the system will be built for the future needs of Wyee with the capacity to service 2750 new homes.

"I genuinely believe this project lays the groundwork for a very bright future for the Wyee township.

"The residents have waited a long time for these changes and I have no doubt they are eager to see the works completed."