TOMAREE WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE

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SECURING OUR WATER FUTURE

Hunter Water is investing more than $1 billion in capital works between 2008-2013. This work involves augmenting supplies, increasing recycling and implementing more water efficiency programs.

WHY UPGRADE?

The Tomaree water supply upgrade is aimed at delivering a more reliable water supply to the Tomaree community. This upgrade work involves the construction of a new pipeline and water reservoir.

Delivering this vital piece of infrastructure will improve the security of water supply and alleviate low water pressure issues experienced by residents in Anna Bay.

WHAT WILL THE UPGRADE INVOLVE?

The $7 million project involves construction of a reservoir on a parcel of Hunter Water land, located within the Tomaree National Park. It will also include an underground pipeline along Clark Street and Gan Gan Road, in Anna Bay. The first section of pipeline along Gan Gan Road was completed in January 2009.

Construction on the second section of pipeline in Clark street and the reservoir is expected to begin in early 2010.

ENVIRONMENTAL & VISUAL IMPACTS

The Department of Commerce has prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) on behalf of Hunter Water to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposal. An independent visualisation impact study was also undertaken.

Community members have the opportunity to make comment and provide feedback on the proposed reservoir site in Anna Bay, from the 15 June until 6 July 2009. The REF and visualisation impact study are on our website at www.hunterwater.com.au. A copy is also available at Port Stephens Council and Hunter Water’s head office.

WILL THE NATIONAL PARK BE AFFECTED?

About six trees will be removed within the proposed access road up to the reservoir within the Tomaree National Park. The REF has determined removing these trees will not have any significant impact.

A re-vegetation strategy has been developed by Hunter Water, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) to ensure that areas which will be disturbed by construction are restored where possible.

WHO WILL BE IMPACTED?

There will be increased traffic movements along Gan Gan Road and Clark Street during the construction of the pipeline and reservoir. A traffic management plan will be in place to direct traffic safely through the area.

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WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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