

10 April 2024

Mr Ben Taylor
Chief Executive Officer
Wollondilly Shire Council

via email: ben.taylor@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Wastewater services for Wollondilly growth areas

Dear Ben

I write to provide an update on wastewater servicing in the Wollondilly Shire Council area. I acknowledge the challenges of rapid growth in Wollondilly and want to assure you that Sydney Water is committed to delivering services as soon as possible.

The outcome from our project team's investigation into the Bingara Gorge Water Recycling Plant (WRP) upgrade found that while we are expecting to begin construction in early 2025, the shortest possible timeframe for completing the upgrade is 2027. Our planning has determined that the servicing pathway is more complex than originally anticipated. This pathway includes protecting the sensitive Nepean ecosystem which, along with providing services, is a priority for us. I appreciate this timing is not the outcome you want for your community; however, we remain committed to working with you to minimise any impact from the interim servicing.

Our current long-term plan for providing wastewater services to all growth areas in the Greater Macarthur region is through a new Upper Nepean Advanced Water Recycling Facility. This is in the early planning stages, and we are currently investigating suitable sites. Following this, there will be a series of environmental approvals, and our current estimate for delivering services is 2032. In the interim, our plans for wastewater servicing in Wollondilly growth areas are outlined below.

Wilton Growth Area

Currently 400-500 new homes across the North, South East and new Wilton Town Centre growth areas can be serviced by interim wastewater tankering. Once the upgrade of Bingara Gorge WRP is finalised, up to 4,000 new homes can be serviced.

Picton, Tahmoor and Thirlmere

Sydney Water's discussions with your team have confirmed a low growth strategy focused on infill and adjacent development. Our team is currently working on a growth servicing strategy and will share the final number of properties that can be serviced mid-2024 when this is complete.

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Sydney Water is partnering with Walker Corporation and their advisor, CoNEXA, to deliver all water infrastructure for 12,900 homes. Walker Corporation will fund the infrastructure to meet its delivery timeframes, so there will be no cost to Sydney Water's existing customers or the NSW Government.

Sydney Water's Head of Growth and Development, Charlotte Alexander, would like to present more details about our servicing plans for the region. She will be in contact to arrange a meeting, but in the meantime, you can reach her at Charlotte.Alexander@sydneywater.com.au or 0477 397 516.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roch Cheroux", written over a horizontal line.

Roch Cheroux
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