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### **Longford sewage treatment plant upgrade on track**

Work on improving the Longford sewage treatment plant continues, with tenders for the design and construction of an upgraded plant currently being assessed.

Over the past several months, TasWater has undertaken an early contractor involvement process where potential contractors assisted to workshop design solutions to the unique issues facing the sewage treatment plant. This is the most appropriate, innovative and collaborative method to get a fit-for-purpose solution, and will enable improvement in both the quality of treatment and odour management.

The tenders for the upgrade contract are now being assessed with the successful contractor expected to be awarded the contract early next year. Construction is expected to start in late 2019 after a comprehensive design phase.

“This is a complex project and it’s crucial we get it right from the start. It is a comprehensive process but it is also an opportunity to make sure we are getting the best outcome for all stakeholders, TasWater, and the environment,” TasWater senior project manager Rennie Brown said.

The upgrade is designed to accommodate a mix of domestic waste and trade waste from Longford, including waste from the JBS livestock processing facility, and will improve the environmental and odour impacts from the site.

“We understand the community remains concerned about odours which may persist from time to time until the new treatment plant is commissioned in late 2020,” Mr Brown said.

“We apologise in advance for any inconvenience and encourage residents to report odours coming from the sewage treatment plant to the TasWater customer service centre on 136 992.

“Reporting matters to us allows us to investigate more quickly and determine if issues are related to our operations, which also means we can rectify issues at our sites quicker.”