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### **No more need for Mathinna residents to boil their drinking water**

TasWater's upgrade of drinking water supplies across the state is bringing benefits to the town of Mathinna in the North East.

Its 122 TasWater customers can now drink the water straight from the tap, with the Department of Health removing the town's long standing Boil Water Alert.

As part of TasWater's commitment to remove all public health alerts by the end of this month, it has installed a new water treatment plant in Mathinna along with a new 250 kilolitre reservoir.

The treatment plant is one of seven modular systems constructed by the company Trility and its partner Hydromet in a factory in Launceston. The treatment plant was transported to site in Mangana Street, Mathinna where it underwent final installation and a rigorous commissioning program involving thorough testing to ensure the water it produces meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG).

Around two kilometres of water mains which deliver the water to properties in the town have been upgraded, the work carried out by Water Industry Solutions. New meters have also been installed resulting in improved pressure; the older mechanical ones have over the years become blocked by sediment.

TasWater CEO Michael Brewster says Mathinna along with Rossarden are the 20th and 21<sup>st</sup> towns to have health alerts on the drinking of water lifted as part of this program.

"I'm really pleased that TasWater has met its commitment to Mathinna and that the new treatment plant has all the available technology to accommodate the challenge of high level of turbidity in the water of the South Esk River during periods of high rainfall.

"This new treatment plant is a very significant investment in the town's infrastructure and I am satisfied it will serve the community for many, many years to come.

"We have another seven towns to go and so far all are on schedule to meet our target for the removal of all health alerts on drinking water by 31 August. "

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