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Media Release

Henderson Dam upgrade back on track

Following a temporary delay to the Henderson Dam upgrade, works have now recommenced to improve water security on Flinders Island.

In consultation with the Flinders Council, TasWater suspended the project at the start of the Coronavirus pandemic to safeguard the community's health and being.

TasWater CDO Project Management Lead North, Fred Eggleston, said works on the island resumed during the first week of September, following the implementation of a COVID safe management plan to bring water security on the island one step closer.

"We have commenced installation of a temporary water treatment plant at Lady Barron and will start to remobilise contractors and resources to the island over the coming weeks," Mr Eggleston said.

"Northern Tasmanian company Pfiesser Cranes have moved the Reverse Osmosis Plant to Lady Barron and Gradco will be installing it within the next month."

The Reverse Osmosis plant, which purifies or desalinates water, will temporarily supplement water supply to Whitemark residents from late October while works, including dewatering of the dam, are carried out.

Mr Eggleston said the temporary plant will not impact the Lady Barron water supply.

"We would like to thank all residents for their continued patience through the delays caused by COVID-19 and now, as we again ramp up works," he said.

The project team will continue to follow all regulated health, hygiene and quarantine precautions and advice throughout delivery of this project.

"We will keep working with residents and Flinders Council and look forward to this project delivering improved water surety to our customers on the island, now and into the future."

Tasmanian businesses will continue to be contracted throughout the project, providing stimulus to the local employment sector and the state's economy.

Residents who want more information about this project can contact TasWater CDO Community Engagement Officer Campbell Walker by phoning 13 6992 or email campbell.walker@taswater.com.au.