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Judbury's Boil Water alert lifted

TasWater's upgrade of Judbury's drinking water system is complete, resulting in the removal of its long standing Boil Water Alert.

The Department of Health has completed its rigorous testing program following the installation of a new pipeline and reservoir as part of the water supply upgrade.

Until now Judbury has been supplied with water drawn from a small weir on Dora Creek which was piped to customers by gravity. There has been no storage reservoirs or chlorination with the 89 properties connected to the Dora Creek system on Boil Water Alerts since 2009.

TasWater considered several options for the upgrade of Judbury's water supply including a new water treatment plant.

The most feasible option however was to install a pipeline from the Glen Huon treatment plant making use of an existing facility and providing the area with a sustainable water supply sourced from the Huon River.

The water is pumped from Glen Huon to a new 650 kilolitre concrete reservoir built on Pine Lodge Road from where the water will again be gravity fed to customers along Pine Lodge and Glen Huon Roads. The reticulation network has also undergone a significant upgrade with the removal of aging pipes and water lines which could compromise the quality of the water. Cleaning was undertaken by a thorough flushing and foam pigging of water mains in the area.

Extra capacity has been built into the Judbury system to accommodate the likely growth in the number of connections along Glen Huon Road. TasWater may consider connecting extra properties adjacent to the pipeline but as these properties are not in serviced land areas, anyone seeking a connection is required to go through the formal process set out by government legislation.

TasWater CEO Michael Brewster says it's great to see another community in Tasmania being provided with water which meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

"We are just weeks away from fully commissioning TasWater's new water treatment plant at Rocky Creek which means all our customers in the Huon Valley will be able to drink water straight from the tap."

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