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Next milestone achieved in Longford Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade

The Longford Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade (STP) is progressing well, with the project hitting another significant milestone this month.

A critical component of the plant upgrade was the construction of six water tanks. TasWater CDO Project Manager Rennie Brown said after the successful construction of the six water tanks, the contractors are continuing to work efficiently.

“Over the last few weeks leak testing of the tanks has occurred,” Rennie said.

“This ensures the concrete tanks are water tight and can safely manage the treatment process when the plant is up and running.”

“This is an exciting time for us to see the bones of the plant take shape.”

Northern Tasmanian contractor The Baker Group will be installing the underground pipework which will pipe liquids and solids between the different treatment stages, as well as providing electrical conduits between the various equipment and main buildings on site.

After the pipework has been successfully installed, concrete foundations for equipment, installation of mechanical equipment and the construction of main buildings will be the next milestone.

The Longford STP project is part of TasWater's 10-year \$1.8 billion capital works program to upgrade Tasmania's essential water and sewerage infrastructure.

“This program will provide vital economic stimulus to the state, support local business and employment and play an important role in supporting the State's recovery from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic,” Rennie said.

“We're looking forward to seeing this project come to fruition, especially due to the new plant's innovative design, using technology not seen before in Tasmania.”

“If the population increases dramatically, or if Longford welcomed more industry to the area, the plant capacity can be increased simply and efficiently,” he said.

Once complete, the \$33M upgrade will lead to the reduction of odour on site, be able to treat higher loads of sewage and future proof the site for years to come.

The Longford Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade remains on track for an end of 2021 completion.

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