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## Media Release

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### **Latrobe Sewer Network improvements progress**

A project that will significantly improve Latrobe's capacity to manage wet weather flows is progressing, with construction well underway.

The sewer network upgrade is designed to reduce uncontrolled sewer spills during heavy rain events and further protect the health of our customers and the environment.

TasWater Capital Delivery Office (CDO) Project Manager, Amanda Allen said the rising main section of works has been completed by Devonport-based contractors, Oliver Kelly Group.

"The work on the first of the sewerage mains went well, we're pleased it was completed ahead of schedule," she said.

The next major construction phase of the project is an upgrade of a second sewerage main, which will be a slower process.

"This second stage will be a lot slower because of the safety considerations we have due to the significant depth of the trenches," Mrs Allen said.

"Keeping the community and our people safe is a key priority; once the sewer manhole structure design has been finalised, we will then start the upgrade of the second main."

The project team has been meeting with the local community, including Latrobe Primary School, Merseylink and Latrobe Council.

"By working together, we hope to minimise impacts on the community," Mrs Allen said.

"The local community has been interested in the works undertaken in their area and have been very understanding of the short-term traffic delays and we appreciate their support."

TasWater remains committed to safely implementing works during COVID-19, providing much needed stimulus to the state's local economy and employment sector.

"We look forward to finalising this project, which will ensure our Latrobe customers receive safe, reliable and efficient sewerage services not just today but well into the future," Mrs Allen said.

The \$5.1 million project is expected to be completed in the first quarter of next year.

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