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Securing future water supplies - Groundwater Pipeline Coonabarabran

Works will soon be commencing on a key project which will help improve the security of water supplies for Coonabarabran.

“The Coonabarabran Groundwater Pipeline Project involves the design and construction of an 8km long pipeline to transfer groundwater from three town water supply bores, which were developed as emergency water supplies during the drought, to the Coonabarabran Water Treatment Plant (WTP),” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan.

“This pipeline will run parallel to the existing main from Timor Dam, providing a dedicated groundwater supply to increase water sustainability, enabling a flexible supply from surface water and groundwater sources and improving the operation of the WTP.”

“The Contractors are currently undertaking the final stages of the design and are proposing to commence works in mid to late June 2021. Construction of the pipeline will require traffic management and Timor Road users will experience some delays due to these works,” Cr Doolan explained.

“If there is need to interrupt water supply during the connection of the groundwater pipeline, residents along the Timor Road line will be notified 24 hours prior to the interruption.”

The project is fully funded under the NSW Government’s Emergency Relief for Regional Town Water Supplies Program. Council awarded the contract for the Design and Construction to Thompson Irrifab.

“Thank you to the NSW Government for this funding allowing sustainable and secure water to supply the township of Coonabarabran when needed,” Cr Doolan concluded.

Construction of the pipeline is expected to be completed in October 2021.

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