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## NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE PIPELINE FOR BARADINE

Baradine is one step closer to a new water treatment plant with the NSW Nationals in Government committing \$375 000 from its Safe and Secure Water Program to help fund its concept design.

Nationals Duty MLC for Barwon Scott Barrett said the existing infrastructure is ageing and is well past its use-by date which is why a new plant is needed to safeguard the town's water supply.

"The new plant will be designed to support future population growth and water demands which increase when the town hosts visitors for major events including the Baradine Show," Mr Barrett said.

"We're investing in this project from the outset because getting the design right is crucial in ensuring the plant is fit for purpose and is big enough to support long-term water supply."

Minister for Lands and Water Kevin Anderson said the NSW Government is committed to providing better access to safer and more secure water in every corner of NSW.

"If we want a sustainable water future we must support critical water infrastructure projects like the new Baradine water treatment plant at every stage of delivery," Mr Anderson said.

"Investments in water projects like this go a long way towards helping to build a stronger and more prosperous regional NSW."

Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan said he's delighted the project can move into the design phase thanks to its partnership with the NSW Government.

"We know Baradine needs a new water treatment plant and today's announcement enables us to keep the project moving forward," Cr Doolan said.

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"While we're still at the start of the journey we're making great progress and I look forward to

the day that we can deliver this new water infrastructure which will supply Baradine with high

quality, clean drinking water for years to come."

The Warrumbungle Shire Council is also contributing \$125,000 towards the design process

on top of the NSW Government's contribution.

The concept design is expected to be finished later this year and tenders for the construction

of the new plant will be called for in early 2023.

Since it started in 2017, the Safe and Secure Water Program has helped deliver 26

completed projects across the state and committed funding for more than 200 other projects

currently in various stages of the delivery pipeline.

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