

MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECTED MEMBERS

BRYN ESTYN UPGRADE

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee Meeting date: 29 June 2022

Raised by: Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet

Question:

In relation to the upgrades at the Bryn Estyn Treatment plant, can the Director advise the overall cost of the project and who will be paying for the upgrade?

If the upgrade is being paid for by TasWater, can the Director advise what sort of burden will be passed onto the ratepayers of Hobart as a co-owner of TasWater?

Response:

The Bryn Estyn Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is Greater Hobart's primary source of drinking water, providing an average of 60 per cent of the water supply needed annually.

This upgrade and expansion of the plant will enable TasWater to continue to provide high quality drinking water and meet projected demand for the next 30 to 50 years across greater Hobart including City of Hobart ratepayers.

The project budget for Bryn Estyn is \$243.9 million and TasWater are currently forecasting to be well below budget and on schedule for completion in 2023.

This major capital project is part of TasWater's \$1.1 billion capital investment program that was recently approved by the Tasmanian Economic Regulator (TER) within TasWater's new Price and Service Plan (PSP4) commencing on 1 July 2022.

As part of its investigation of TasWater's PSP4, the TER found expenditure on the Bryn Estyn upgrade to be both prudent and efficient.

PSP4 includes an annual price increase of 3.5 per cent for TasWater customers that will fully fund the capital program.

Data Source: Department Manager Community Stakeholder and Customer Relations, TasWater, via email 8.7.22

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

Jacqui Allen

DIRECTOR CONNECTED CITY

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