

Romsey recycled water management update

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Since our last update, we've made significant progress in our planning and investigations in relation to the recycled water management solution for Romsey. We've also progressed environmental and cultural heritage management planning.

We recently formed Greater Western Water on 1 July through the successful integration of Western Water and City West Water.

Prior to the integration, Western Water's Board approved the Romsey RWP Upgrade project business case in June 2021. A concept design for the upgrade has been developed with the project set to improve the plant's treatment capacity and increase its recycled water storage.

The upgrade to the Romsey RWP, along with other measures such as preparing additional land for irrigation, was identified as the best solution and will ensure we can continue to cater for the growing population.

We listened to concerns raised by the community over the last 18 months and the Romsey RWP upgrade project does not rely on discharge to Deep Creek.

Over the coming year, we will work with key stakeholders and engage with the community about the upgrade and other solutions at Romsey. We'll then seek to obtain a Development License from the EPA to undertake the works. Following these steps, we're planning to commence construction of the upgrade from mid to late 2022.

Next steps

Engagement activities will increase over the coming months as we provide information about the upgrade and other measures to the local community. We'll keep local landholders, community and environmental groups informed about our plans for the Romsey plant, and continue to work closely with the EPA and other stakeholders to ensure the best outcomes for the community, environment and the region.

We will also continue to explore and invest in long term planning and other projects to further improve our management and local reuse of recycled water.