



Romsey Recycled Water Management Update

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Our progress on the Romsey recycled water management plan is proceeding despite coronavirus (COVID-19). For more information about our response to COVID-19, please visit our dedicated webpage.

Irrigation of Recycled Water

- Contractors and suppliers for stage one of the project have been engaged to install the first set of irrigation equipment on the site. The irrigation infrastructure will be constructed and commissioned over the coming months.
- Our Irrigation Management Plan is currently with the EPA for their approval and a response is expected within a fortnight. Once the plan is approved and the new centre pivot irrigators are in place, the land will be ready to be irrigated. Our Irrigation Management Plan will ensure that all irrigation is undertaken according to EPA requirements. A key feature of this is a site drainage system, including runoff collection dams, to ensure containment of all irrigated recycled water within Western Water's property boundary.
- DELWP has provided preliminary advice endorsing the native vegetation management plan for the second stage of irrigation. A planning permit application is now being prepared. By careful planning of the irrigation infrastructure, Western Water will retain many large old trees which are unique to the local environment.

Increase Capacity of Plant to Store Excess Recycled Water

The project to increase storage capacity on the site has progressed into the investigation of options phase and will be further developed over the coming months. Current planning indicates that approximately 65 megalitres (ML) of new storage would be required in the future.

Investigate Alternative Technology

We continue to investigate new technologies which could allow us to reduce the excess recycled water. We'll provide further updates on alternative methods as we assess them.

Ecological surveys of the creek

An information sheet summarising the findings of a recent ecological survey is published [here](#).