



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

13 October 2009

DSS1	FLUORIDATION OF KEMPSEY, CRESCENT HEAD AND SOUTH WEST ROCKS WATER SUPPLIES
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the status of fluoridation facilities at the Kempsey, Crescent Head and South West Rocks Water Supply Schemes.

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DESCRIPTION:

Meetings were held at the subject sites on 22 January 2009 (Department of Health, Council and Hunter Water).

Following the on-site meetings, Hunter Water Australia (HWA) prepared concept design reports and revised "Form 1" Applications for the Steuart McIntyre Dam and Crescent Head Plants as well as a rectification plan for South West Rocks. The work by HWA was completed in early May 2009.

At South West Rocks, fluoridation capability exists and is requiring final approvals and administration processes. Civil rectification works at South West Rocks were completed on 23 July 2009 and electrical / equipment works were completed in early October 2009. Residual minor remedial measures being undertaken by Council in consultation with Hunter Water are essentially completed. A new "Form 1" will be submitted in conjunction with the NSW Office of Water's impending inspection of the finished works. Preparation for the public notification of fluoridation commencement will occur concurrently with the Form 1 documentation. Public notification will not occur until an outcome on the Form 1 is received, which will determine a definite date for commissioning.

Concept designs, "Design & Construct" contract documentation (including commercial and technical requirements and drawings) for Crescent Head and Steuart McIntyre Dam were submitted to the NSW Office of Water on 27 August for review and approval to commence the tendering process. The associated "Form 1" applications and supporting documentation were submitted to the Department of Health for notification of approval to fluoridate.

Council will be advised following receipt of approvals and completion of inspections from the appropriate state government authorities.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environmental**

Nil

- **Social**

Nil

- **Economic (Financial)**

This funding continues NSW Health's commitment to fully fund the capital cost of the fluoridation systems within the Kempsey shire.

- **Policy or Statutory**

Statutory requirements to address the Fluoridation Act and regulations and meet the requirements of NSW Health are progressively being addressed.

- **Director's Review**

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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