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FUNDING TO IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL WORKS AT THE WENTWORTH WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wentworth Shire Council has been awarded \$22,500 for a scoping study to identify essential upgrades and process improvements required at Wentworth Water Treatment Plant and ensure a safe and secure water supply for the Wentworth community.

Member for Murray Austin Evans said the existing plant has been operating for more than 25 years and the funding will be used to identify areas of process and infrastructure improvements and opportunities to make the facility more efficient.

“The project is the first step in ensuring a significant improvement in the water quality in the area, as well as providing public health and socioeconomic benefits to the Wentworth community,” Mr Evans said.

“We know the pivotal role that water and waste-water services play in regional prosperity and long-term growth of communities and this funding demonstrates our commitment to ensuring a safe and secure water supply for our regions.”

The funding has been secured under the NSW Government’s \$1 billion Safe & Secure Water Program.

Wentworth Shire Mayor, Melisa Hederics said the funding for the Water Treatment Plant scoping study will be used to identify updated technological methods to optimise the operation of the plant.

“This funding is an enormous boost for the region and will allow us to determine any key issues as well as form a basis to undertake a business case for the upgrade of the plant,” Ms Hederics said.

“It will allow us to undertake essential safety and mechanical equipment checks using updated technology as well as meet the needs of the community by ensuring the reliability of the community’s water supply and quality.”

The Safe & Secure Water Program allows regional communities to build new and upgraded water infrastructure faster. It ensures regional NSW communities have access to high quality, reliable and affordable water that meets modern environmental and health standards.

Further information on the Safe & Secure Water Program can be found at <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/infrastructure-programs/safe-and-secure-water-program>



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