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Phase 2 to be completed by December 2020

Phase 2 of our Kyneton Solutions Project to upgrade the Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant is on track to be completed by December 2020, subject to favourable weather conditions.

Construction on our 200-megalitre storage lagoon will start this month. The new storage will more than double the storage capacity at the plant.

The new storage lagoon is a major component of our upgrade and will more than double the storage capacity at the plant. Combined with the new lagoon at Hardwick Meatworks farm property, built as part of the Phase 1 works, the total storage capacity will be more than 600 megalitres.

Works on our Class C to Class B plant to supply Hardwicks Storage are well advanced and we expect the plant to be commissioned in early September 2020.

We are in the process of establishing infrastructure and operational costs to enable us to make a decision on the Expressions of Interest (EOI) from landowners to be supplied with recycled water. All EOI applicants will hear from us when we have made our decision.

Our multimillion-dollar plant upgrade and sustainable water reuse scheme will help protect the Campaspe River, support local businesses and agriculture, and serve the growing Kyneton community until 2040.

Catchment health and water quality

We are committed to ensuring the water released from our plant is beneficial to the waterways and the environment and that we have a positive impact on water quality in the Campaspe River.

In partnership with North Central Catchment Management Authority, we have carried out 14.3km of environment improvement works along Post Office Creek and Campaspe River in Kyneton.

The \$2.1 million project supports the North Central CMA's Caring for the Campaspe project and will have a positive impact on water quality and catchment health. Supplementary replanting is planned for Spring 2020.

Plant operations

Our Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) is operating normally. We commenced treated water releases to the Campaspe river in early April 2020.

We have released around 1.7 megalitres per day on average and the total volume released since April is less than one per cent of the river flow.

The water released is compliant with our EPA licence conditions for water quality and river flow.

We've been managing lagoon levels by transferring Class B water to Hardwick's new storage. Until our new storage is complete there is still a risk that noncompliant releases could occur.

We are working to minimise the risk of this happening to ensure only tertiary treated water that meets all our EPA licence conditions is released.

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