WHAT IS THE NARRABRI WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT AND WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The Narrabri Water Augmentation is a $14.18 million project ($12.31M provided under NSW State Government through Restart NSW funding and $1.87M by Narrabri Shire Council). The project will provide a secure water supply to the Narrabri township for the next 25 years. The project brings all water to a centralised storage point, enabling more efficient processing and distribution.

WHY DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE TO BE DONE?

Whilst this stage is not a drinking water improvement project, it brings water treatment one step closer by centralising storage, ensuring the minimum standards of flow and pressure are able to be provided whilst securing adequate water for future needs.

Narrabri’s Water Supply already meets the Australian Drinking Water Standards however the quality of Narrabri’s drinking water has long been a contentious issue. This project brings affordable water treatment one step closer.

The Water Augmentation Project will bring all of Narrabri’s water pipes into a single point prior to distribution to customers and will bring Council a step closer to being able to install a single water treatment plant to address water quality.

Any decision to treat the water to a higher level is likely to be dependent on residents willingness to pay for such a service and will require further community consultation and discussions with NSW Government and Regulators regarding future funding opportunities.

WHERE ARE WE NOW

A tender for the construction of the pipelines and tanks was awarded to FB Contracting in August 2018. A majority of the underground pipework has now been completed. Modifications to inlet and outlet pipework at the existing water towers is currently underway and expected to be completed by November 2019.

Foundations for the tanks at Sale Yards Lane have been constructed up to final level. Tank construction is expected to commence in October and be completed by March 2020, with all works to be completed by mid 2020.

Jacobs Consulting have been involved in the project since its inception and will be supporting Council to design and supervise construction works.