

## WARNING OVER WATER BUT IMPROVEMENTS ARE ON THE WAY

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Ben Lomond Water CEO Barry Cash today reminded residents in towns with boil water alerts they must bring their water to a boil before drinking it.

“We have 16 towns in our region on permanent boil water alerts and three on temporary alerts,” Mr Cash said.

“It is important that our customers as well as visitors to these towns don’t drink the water without first boiling it. .

“We are spending significant amounts of money to fix a number of these towns’ supplies. Already we have provided treated water to Cressy via a \$1.5 million pipeline.

“We will open the \$5.2 million Campbell Town Water Treatment Plant early next year to supply both Ross and Campbell Town and we have invested around \$2 million on a water treatment plant in Scamander.

“The Director of Public Health has outlined a Priority Project List and we are working through the towns and investigating the best and most effective and efficient ways to treat their water supplies.

“The highest priority towns are Westbury, Hagley, Exton, Bracknell, Mole Creek, Fingal, Lilydale, Branxholm and Derby.

“We are examining the feasibility of providing treated water for each of these communities over the next two years.

“The Small Towns Project is part of a broader investment of more than \$36 million being spent to improve water quality across north and north east Tasmania over next few years,” Mr Cash said.

**A PERMANENT boiling of drinking water alert is in place for the following water supplies –**

Pioneer, Gladstone, Ringarooma, Herrick, Legerwood, Derby, Winnaleah, Branxholm, Fingal, Mathinna, Cornwall, Rossarden, Mole Creek, Whitemark, Lady Barron & Lilydale

**A TEMPORARY Boiling of Drinking Water Alert remains in place for the following water supplies –**

Scamander, Campbell Town and Ross.

**ENDS**

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