

WORK TO BEGIN ON LONGFORD TO CRESSY PIPELINE

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Ben Lomond Water Chief Executive Officer Barry Cash said today that work is about to begin on construction of an 11 kilometre long pipeline between Longford and Cressy.

“This \$1.3 million project will deliver fully treated water to the community of Cressy,” Mr Cash said.

“At present the water scheme in Cressy, which services around 300 properties, draws its supply from the Macquarie River and while it is chlorinated and fluoridated, it is of variable quality.

“Ben Lomond Water expects work will begin on the project in the middle of this month and we are hopeful it will be completed by September.

“This is a major project for Ben Lomond Water and we have been working closely with affected landowners to secure the easements necessary for construction to begin,” Mr Cash said.

The pipeline will be built in road reserves where possible and it will pass through Crown Land near the Macquarie River at Cressy.

“The availability of effective water services has a direct impact on the health and well-being of the community as well as planning and economic development.

“The project forms part of an investment of about \$1billion in capital works projects which will be needed over the coming decade to ensure that the state’s vital water infrastructure keeps pace with growth, development and community expectations,” Mr Cash said.

The contract was awarded to Launceston based contractor Paul Zanetto Pty Ltd.

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