

## BOIL WATER ALERT – CAMPBELL TOWN & ROSS

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Ben Lomond Water Chief Executive Officer Barry Cash said today that the issuing of a boil water alert for the townships of Campbell Town and Ross highlighted the importance of investment in projects like the Campbell Town Water Treatment Plant.

“Ben Lomond Water will invest close to \$5million to provide treated water to almost 750 homes and businesses in Campbell Town and Ross,” Mr Cash said

“We have completed the tendering process and we expect to be able to make an announcement in relation to issuing a contract in the very near future.

“Once that happens we expect to be providing our customers with fully treated water within approximately 18 months and events like this will be a thing of the past,” Mr Cash said.

Ben Lomond Water issued the boil water alert after a significant rain event overnight.

“The water quality in the Elizabeth River, which supplies these communities, deteriorated to a point where we believed that the chlorination system was in danger of becoming ineffective,” Mr Cash said.

“Campbell Town and Ross are supplied with non-treated water and while we dose the supply with chlorine, the nature of the supply is such that when events like this occur we need to react differently.

“The boil water notice will remain in place until the water quality improves sufficiently. Exactly when that will happen is dependent upon the weather and river conditions.

“We are working in conjunction with the Director of Public Health and we will continue to monitor and test the water supply,” Mr Cash said.

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