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Works for the Ellendale Water Treatment Plant nearing completion

Residents of Ellendale are one step closer to receiving a sustainable supply of quality drinking water with the onsite works for the Ellendale Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project nearing completion.

The project will enable removal of the boil water notice for Ellendale dwellings in the future through upgrading the existing control systems, creating new infrastructure, addressing occupational health and safety issues, and providing a detailed monitoring regime and documentation.

Southern Water's Executive Manger of Asset and Service Strategy Mr Russell Fox said that despite some minor problems causing delays the new infrastructure including three new concrete storage tanks, pipework and a new filter membrane, was now in place and commissioning of the treatment plant was in progress.

"Commissioning is a detailed process involving upgrading the disinfection system to ensure the water meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines as required by the Public Health Act, as well as hydraulic testing to ensure supply flow is consistent," he said. "We also have to ensure that correct procedures are in place for ongoing operations and regular maintenance.

"Project completion is due in the next few months and following this performance testing will be conducted in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services leading to the removal of the boil water notice. Southern Water will be keeping residents informed of progress through letters, advertisements and news articles."

Mr Fox also said that residents of Ellendale had been invited to nominate a representative to be involved in discussions with Southern Water and the Department of Health and Human Services regarding safe drinking water. Details of the community representative should be provided to Community Relations Coordinator Miriam Brotheridge on 6233 9646 or to miriam.brotheridge@southernwatertas.com.au by April 30.

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