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## Media Release

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### Southern Water unveils \$41.84M capital works program

Water and wastewater services across southern Tasmania are set to receive a major boost with the announcement today of a \$41.84million investment by the new regional water corporation, Southern Water, to upgrade existing infrastructure and develop new projects in the 2009/2010 financial year.

Southern Water acting CEO, Mr Russell Fox, said the investment was just the beginning of a significant overhaul of water and wastewater services state-wide following the reform of the water industry implemented on 1 July 2009.

He said the capital program for 2009/2010 included:

• South East Tasmania Recycled water scheme	\$6.161m
• Swansea Water Scheme Dam and associated works	\$3.220m
• Lenah Valley Water supply augmentation project	\$2.915m
• Stage 1 Lauderdale Sewerage System	\$2.910m
• Bicheno Off-stream storage dam and associated works	\$1.400m
• Huon Regional sewerage upgrades – Ranelagh	\$1.300m
• Blackmans Bay wastewater treatment plant outfall	\$0.931m
• Huon Regional Water Scheme	\$0.900m
• Rosny Treatment Plant Modifications	\$0.850m
• Bryn Estyn Plant upgrades	\$0.270m
• Richmond & Tranmere Reservoir Roofing Program	\$0.260m
• Geilston Bay and Bellerive sewer lines	\$0.250m
• Ellendale Water treatment plant upgrade	\$0.190m
• Cambridge Wastewater Treatment plant completion	\$0.150m
• National Park fluoridation upgrade	\$0.150m
• Tolosa pipe work modifications	\$0.100m
• Design, Investigation, Replacement, Renewal and Other Capital Works	\$19.88m

Mr Fox said the program illustrated the importance of taking a coordinated, regional approach to the management of water and wastewater issues.

“The availability of effective water and wastewater treatment services has a direct impact on the health and well-being of the community, as well as on land use planning and economic development,” he said.

“State-wide an investment of about \$1 billion in capital projects will be needed over the next decade to ensure that Tasmania’s vital water infrastructure keeps pace with growth and development and meets community expectations.”

Southern Water is the twelfth largest water industry business in Australia with responsibility for maintaining almost 3,000kms of water mains and over 38 water and 32 Level 2 wastewater treatment plants.

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