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### Water quality upgrades approach completion

The Ellendale community received a welcome update on water and wastewater matters at a recent information session held by Southern Water.

The information session provided an overview on the progress of the Ellendale Water Treatment System Upgrade as well as giving the opportunity for residents to have their questions answered.

Acting Southern Water Chief Executive Officer Russell Fox said the Ellendale water treatment plant upgrade is nearing completion.

“The upgrade to the Ellendale treatment system will improve the quality of the water produced as well as increasing the quantity of water the system can treat and store,” Mr Fox said.

“The new filter membrane for the plant has arrived from France and will be installed in coming weeks.

“The trenching for the new pipework is complete and the pipeline for the new clear water storage tanks is currently being laid.”

Mr Fox said that an improvement in water quality is expected as soon as the plant is operational.

“Water is currently bypassing the treatment plant to enable us to undertake these works.

“Once the plant is online, water will be redirected through the treatment system and residents should notice an immediate improvement in water quality.

“Our priority is to complete these upgrades as quickly as possible so that Ellendale residents can enjoy quality drinking water when they turn on their taps.”

The system upgrade includes installing a new filter membrane, upgrading the water treatment control system, exploring options for additional monitoring and control systems and telemetry, installing new pipework for 3 new concrete storage tanks, general improvements and producing a monitoring regime and documentation.

It is hoped that the system upgrade will be complete by the end of 2009, with the removal of the boil water notice in 2010 dependant on Department of Primary Industries and Water requirements.

Southern Water will answer questions from the session in a project leaflet being distributed to all Ellendale residents.

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