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Southern water begins installation of water meters in Geeveston

Southern Water is commencing the installation of water meters in Geeveston properties to enhance management and monitoring of private water usage. The installation project will take six months to complete.

The Huon Valley Council began installing water meters throughout the region to provide a more equitable basis to charge for water usage and to alleviate the need for water restrictions in the future by conserving water supplies.

As part of the State Government's water reforms the metering project was transferred to Southern Water for completion. Geeveston is the last town within the Huon Valley to have water meters installed.

Acting CEO of Southern Water Russell Fox said that water meters were designed to measure the volume of water used by properties, improving water supply management and assisting in meeting long term sustainability goals.

"Residents will be able to directly monitor their water consumption to help conserve water and save money," he said.

"Water meters generally provide a two-part water pricing system, replacing the previous annual fixed charge.

"Some property owners may have an allowance and any excess water usage above this will incur excess water charges. Other customers may have a rate for each litre of water used.

Southern Water employees will consult with Geeveston residents to ensure the installation proceeds smoothly. Further information on water meters can be found on the Southern Water website www.southernwatertas.com.au

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