



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Council welcomes much-needed funding for water treatment plants

Central Darling Shire Council has welcomed Australian and NSW Government funding of \$10 million which secures work on new water treatment plants at White Cliffs, Ivanhoe and Wilcannia, and the installation of new potable water reticulation system at White Cliffs.

In July last year the construction of much-needed new water treatment plants for Ivanhoe and Wilcannia was put in doubt because of a funding shortfall.

Today NSW Senator Deb O Neill visited Wilcannia to announce additional funding for the long-term water quality infrastructure. Once complete the plants will provide safer, more reliable drinking water to Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs.

Council has commenced construction works on White Cliffs water treatment plant which is 50 per cent completed. White Cliffs new potable water reticulation system is 70 per cent completed, with a small section of water main to be laid and connections to properties to be installed. Ivanhoe water treatment plant, preliminary works has commenced with electrical power upgrade to the site.

Central Darling Shire Council General Manager, Greg Hill, said it was a great day for the communities and residents can look forward to reliable quality drinking water.

"I thank both the Australian and NSW Governments very much for this funding which secures work on these critical infrastructure projects for our communities," Mr Hill said.

"The allocation of \$10 million for these essential works is very welcome. This funding is additional funding to the \$11.5 million Council received some time ago, for the redevelopment of the water treatment plants and installation of a new reticulation system for White Cliffs," Mr Hill said.

The project is part the Australian Government's \$150 million commitment to Closing the Gap for water security, through the National Water Grid Fund.

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