

Mooney Mooney & Cheero Point Sewerage Update

APRIL 2007

Minister Approval

The Minister for Water Utilities confirmed that subsidy funding was available for the sewerage scheme for Mooney Mooney & Cheero Point. The Minister has also previously advised that funds are available for the first stage which involved the infrastructure shared with Sydney Water under the joint works.

The Minister has now advised that funds have been allocated in the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage (CTWSS) Program to enable Council to call tenders for the remaining stages of the sewerage scheme.

Council has been waiting for this formal confirmation before committing to further work on this project and now it is full steam ahead!

The remaining stages of the scheme include the construction of the low pressure sewerage system reticulation works and the transfer main across the Peats Ferry Road Bridge.

Construction Manager

Following the Minister's approval for funding of the remaining stages, Council has engaged Ellis Karm & Associates to provide construction management services. This company will assist Council to progress the sewerage scheme from its current stage to completion of the works.

Feedback from Information Day

An Information Day was held on 28 October 2006 at the Mooney Workers' Club. The purpose was to present to the community information on:

- the benefits of the new low pressure sewerage system,
- how the system works,
- the consultation and construction process and
- the responsibilities of the householders and Council.

Feedback from this event was very positive and the general response was that the scheme should proceed as soon as possible.

Costs to Property Owners

Details on the adopted method that Council will use to charge property owners were advised in the previous newsletter. At that time the estimated contribution charge for an average residential property was \$9,650 (excl GST) and for non-residential and future growth properties \$28,350 per ET.

Note: that IPART determined the calculation for contribution charges. There may be additional costs to connect to the new scheme in regard to:

- Decommissioning of the old sewerage system and connection of drains to the new system,
- Rectification of defects.

It may be that the charge could increase by the end of the project. The amount of the possible cost increase is not known at this stage and it will depend on tendered and final costs for major construction contracts associated with the work. Council will continue to provide updates on the charge in the newsletters.

Progress of Scheme

Further significant progress has been made on the Scheme. Council has now completed the hydraulic and concept designs for the reticulation system that will service Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point. Based on these designs the Department of Environment and Conservation has issued Council with a licence to enable construction to commence.

Tenders have now been called for the two (2) major delivery contracts which are:

- the supply of low pressure equipment,
- design and construction of the low pressure sewerage system.

Four (4) companies were previously pre-registered to tender on the design and construction contract.

Tenders have been called for the design of the sewage transfer main across the Peats Ferry Road Bridge. This work will also include the replacement of the existing water main. Please note the water main replacement is at Council's full cost.

Programme

The time frames have been delayed due to the time taken in receiving the Minister's approval to call tenders. The amended estimated project timeline is as follows:

NOW TO JUNE 2007

Invite tenders and award the two (2) major delivery contracts for the low pressure system.

JULY 2007

Commence major contact work.

Note: that initially there will be design and inspection works with construction on site expected to commence after approximately

three (3) months.

END 2008

Commence sewerage connections.

Further Information

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