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### **Alberton Sewerage Scheme Voting Results**

Dear Landowner,

South Gippsland Water is writing to inform you of the results from the recently conducted private vote on the proposed Alberton Sewerage Scheme. The community has voted in favour of the proposed sewerage scheme and as a result South Gippsland Water will now progress with installing a reticulated sewerage system within the Alberton township.

As discussed at the community information session held at Alberton Primary School in July 2011, South Gippsland Water was seeking a majority vote in favour of the scheme in order to progress the project. Landowners within the proposed scheme boundary were mailed a voting pack via registered mail on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011, with voting closing on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

South Gippsland Water has been encouraged by the excellent response from the Alberton community, with 74 of 93 landowners mailed a ballot returning a vote. The overwhelming majority of landowners within the community have voted yes, 79% of respondents voted in favour of the scheme. In reaffirming the community's endorsement of the proposal, when votes were counted based on the number of allotments owned, over 67% of allotment votes received were in favour of the scheme.

As a result of the affirmative vote, South Gippsland Water will initiate the design phase of the project including topographical survey, archaeological survey and geotechnical investigations. Design plans for the sewer reticulation system will be completed over the coming months in consultation with landowners. South Gippsland Water will send further correspondence regarding the details of the survey work and will liaise directly with individual landowners in selecting the most suitable location for the installation of the tank, macerator pump and other pipe-work on individual properties. The Corporation anticipates that it should be in a position to commence construction in early 2012.

South Gippsland Water will hold another information session in December 2011 to display the sewer design, discuss project details and answer any further questions that the community may have. In the mean time, enquiries can be directed to South Gippsland Water Customer Service team on 1300 851 636.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those landowners who voted and enabled South Gippsland Water to gain an understanding of the community's opinion in relation to the proposed scheme. South Gippsland Water looks forward to working with the community to install a reticulated sewer system for the Alberton township.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Evans".

Steve Evans  
Managing Director