
\$1M Investment to Safe, Clean Water for Toora & Fish Creek

We're moving forward with new liners and floating covers being installed at the treated water storage basins for Toora and Fish Creek, just in time for Christmas.

This represents a \$1M South Gippsland Water investment in high quality, safe, clean drinking water for rural communities in our region.

South Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Philippe du Plessis, said the Toora and Fish Creek water storage basins both hold 1 million litres of water each.

"They are a key component of providing reliable, clean and safe water to the townships," he said.

"Used to store water once it has been treated, the basins ensure a reliable source of water in the event of a burst water main or treatment plant interruption.

"Made from a durable plastic material, the new liners will fully seal the basins and include a floating cover, to ensure that water, once treated, remains in a pristine condition for our customers."

The Toora and Fish Creek liners are the first of six being replaced as part of a \$3.3 million investment in our region.

Beginning in August, local contractor GEM Industrial from Leongatha has already completed the civil and site works in preparation for the new liners and covers.

Contractor Geotest has completed the manufacture of the liners and is now installing them.

Originally, we expected the project to be complete by November, but coronavirus (COVID-19) has meant a slight delay, with work now expected to finish in December 2020.

During the construction works both basins have been taken 'offline' and out of use, to allow them to be emptied and the new liners installed.

This means that for a period of time, our customers in these townships may experience some changes to the pressure and flow of their water supply. Customers may notice changes during these works, however water will remain clean and safe to drink at all times.

Water service interruptions are not anticipated, but we've put in place additional on-call and reactive maintenance personnel to be available in the event of water main, bursts, or breaks, so they can quickly respond.

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