

Googong Integrated Water Cycle Project – invitation to comment on the Stage D expansion works, 2 April 2020

We are inviting you to comment on the next component (Stage D) of Googong's Integrated Water Cycle project.

Googong's Integrated Water Cycle system is designed to deliver recycled water to every home in the township for toilet flushing and garden watering, as well as providing irrigation for parks and open spaces.

Our aim is to reduce potable water consumption by over 60% compared to a typical development.

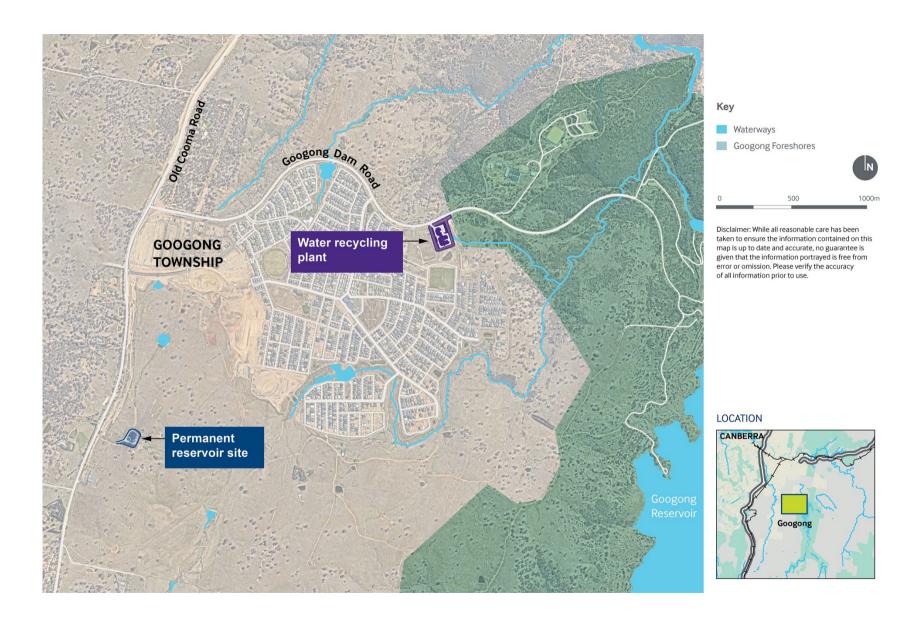
This is another step towards a more sustainable and low environmental impact Googong community.

About the project

The Integrated Water Cycle project has been planned in four stages (A, B, C and D) to progressively support Googong's development as the township grows to its full population.

Stages A, B and C of the project are complete and have been handed over to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council for operation. We are now starting the planning and approvals for Stage D, which includes the preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors.

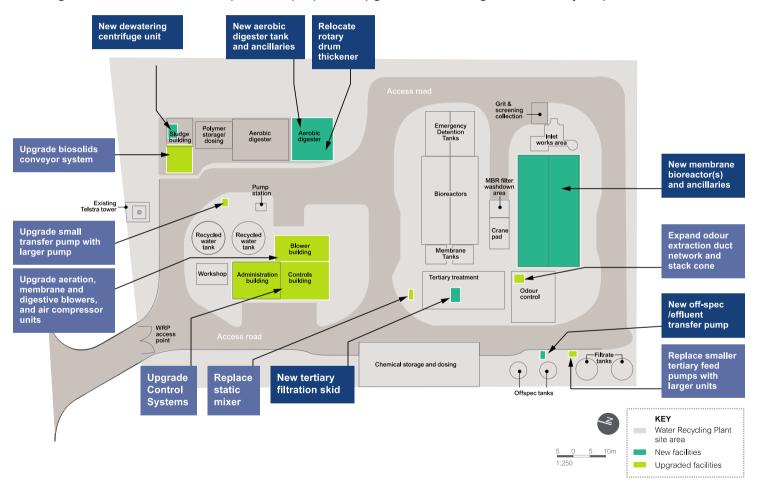
The proposed works for Stage D include an upgrade of the existing water cycle recycling plant located on Googong Dam Road and installation of a new concrete reservoir tank to hold the recycled water at the existing site on Old Cooma Road. You can see the site locations on the diagram below.



Stage D Water Recycling Plant - proposed works

Stage D for the water recycling plant includes the installation of infrastructure that will double the existing plant's capacity to eventually service the entire township – enough for all future Googonians.

The diagram below shows the scope of the proposed upgrade to the integrated water cycle plant.

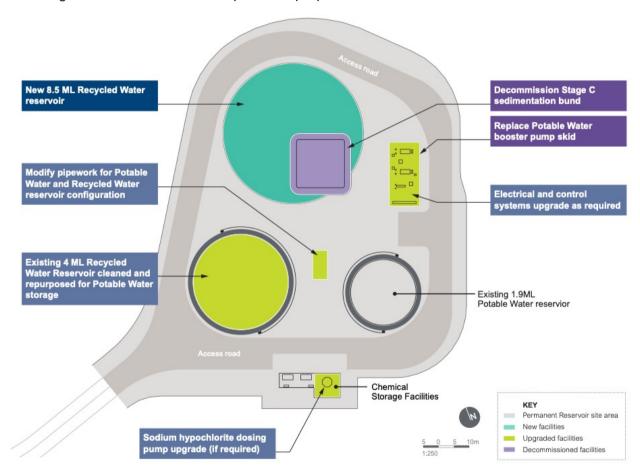


Stage D Reservoir Tank - proposed works

The Stage D works on the reservoir tank will take place at the existing site at Nangi Pimble (also called Hill 800) on Old Cooma Road.

The proposed works include the construction of a new recycled water reservoir and repurposing the existing recycled water reservoir for potable water storage.

The diagram below shows the scope of the proposed reservoir tank works.



Review of Environmental Factors

A Review of Environmental Factors is an environmental assessment that examines the significance of likely environmental impacts of a proposal and any measures needed to mitigate adverse impacts to the environment.

We are now starting the planning and approvals for Stage D of Googong's Integrated Water Cycle project, which includes the preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors.

We would like to hear any comments you have on what should be included in the Review of Environmental Factors, before Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council publicly exhibits the document.

We expect Council to put the draft Review of Environmental Factors on public exhibition in the second half of this year.

Approval process

The approval for the Stage D works, including the exhibition of the Review of Environmental Factors, will be undertaken under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, who will own and operate the project following construction and commissioning.

Timing

The timing for Stage D construction will be confirmed as development of the Googong township progresses. We currently expect that construction will be completed before the end of 2024.

For more information or to make a comment

For more information or to make a comment about what you think should be included in the Review of Environmental Factors for Stage D of Googong's Integrated Water Cycle Project, please:

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You can also post your comments to: Googong Integrated Water Cycle Project REF PO Box 1000 Civic Square ACT 2608

Please submit your comments by 17 April 2020.