

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Minister for Water**  
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### **MINISTER OPENS NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR CUDAL**

The Minister for Water, Philip Costa, today opened the \$3.7 million Cudal sewerage treatment plant in Cabonne Shire, providing better protection for public health and the environment.

“This is the first of four major sewerage projects being undertaken in Cabonne Shire and marks a significant step forward for these communities,” Mr Costa said.

“Three others are planned for Manildra, Yeoval and Cumnock to bring improved services for the community and better protection for the environment.

“The NSW Government invested \$2.2 million - 60 percent of Cabonne Council’s cost of \$3.7 million to construct the Cudal Sewerage scheme.

“This project is a great example of how local councils are working with the State Government to provide vital services to the people of NSW.

“This project has been critical to improving the quality of life and health for Cabonne Shire residents with 152 of the village’s 172 properties already connected.

“Before this scheme was constructed the residents were served by individual on-site treatment systems and there was a potential for pollution.

“The project involved construction of the sewage reticulation system, using small low pressure pumps at each property, pumping through mains to the sewage treatment plant.

“There is the potential for 100% reuse of the treated effluent by the local showground and local farmers - reducing demand for our precious drinking water during these times of severe drought.

“The system has been well received by residents of Cudal who can now benefit from a safe and reliable sewage system.

“Preliminary work on the Manildra sewerage project is also underway and Council has called tenders for the construction of the sewage treatment plant.

“Yeoval and Cumnock will proceed to design and construction once Manildra is complete.”

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