

MEDIA RELEASE

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RESIDENTS REMINDED TO CONNECT TO SEWER NOW AND SAVE THOUSANDS

NSW Minister for Water, Phil Costa today reminded residents in Brooklyn and Dangar Island to take advantage of free installation of equipment to connect their home to the new sewerage system, potentially saving thousands of dollars.

Minister Costa said Sydney Water would continue to install pressure equipment on Brooklyn properties for free until November this year and on Dangar Island until April 2010.

“Residents should connect now to save up to thousands of dollars in additional costs associated with installing pressure sewer equipment,” Mr Costa said.

“After this time, property owners will have to pay the extra cost of installing the pressure sewer equipment, which could mean thousands of dollars more, depending on conditions.

“More than 90 per cent of about 500 eligible properties are now connected to the new reticulated sewerage scheme.

“I encourage the remaining eligible residents and businesses who have not yet connected to contact Sydney Water and arrange a connection.

“Since construction started, this project has supported more than 200 jobs – great news for the local economy.

“As well as being a big plus for local residents who no longer have to rely on costly pump-out services, the new sewerage scheme will also help improve local waterways, including the Hawkesbury River, by reducing runoff from onsite sewage treatment systems and septic tanks.

“The environmental and health benefits will increase as more properties connect.”

Minister Costa said work began on the \$57 million Brooklyn and Dangar Island sewerage scheme in 2006 and involved building a 1.4 kilometre transfer pipeline under the Hawkesbury River and a new sewage treatment plant at Brooklyn.

“The new sewage treatment plant at Brooklyn will also service properties in Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point once their sewerage services are provided by Gosford City Council,” Mr Costa said.

“The Brooklyn and Dangar Island sewerage scheme is part of the NSW Government's Priority Sewerage Program, to provide improved sewerage services to unsewered urban communities in Sydney, the Illawarra and the Blue Mountains.”

For more information on the Priority Sewerage Program visit www.sydneywater.com.au and look under ‘Major Projects’ or call the free community information line on 1800 006 326.

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