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## **COUNCIL'S BIGGEST PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT PROGRESSES RECLAIMED WATER MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

Shoalhaven Water's largest public works project, REMS 1B is at its half way mark and a decision on the river crossing linking the Nowra and Bomaderry sewage treatment plants will be made by Council in March.

Construction of new facilities at Bomaderry and Nowra sewage treatment plants (STPs) is approximately 50% complete and the design of a transfer main under the Shoalhaven River to connect the two plants has also been undertaken.

Shoalhaven Water's Acting Director, Andrew McVey said, "the pipeline has been designed to transfer reclaimed water from Bomaderry and Nowra STPs to the existing REMS network".

"Should the pipeline proceed, the volume of reclaimed water available to irrigate local dairy farms, golf courses and sporting fields will double" Mr McVey said.

The alignment of the transfer main under the river has been modified from the original concept plan after further geotechnical investigations were undertaken. An addendum Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared and will be placed on public exhibition from 9 February to 23 February 2018.

"The addendum REF has been placed on public exhibition to inform the community of the proposal and to provide the opportunity for interested parties to comment", Mr McVey said. "Key stakeholders have been directly contacted but this exhibition provides the opportunity for any interested member of the community to provide feedback to the project team and Council."

The REF can be viewed and comments provided through the Shoalhaven City Council website. The document can also be viewed on the Shoalhaven Water website. Hard copies of the document have been placed on exhibition at Council's Offices in Bridge Road Nowra and Deering Street Ulladulla.

After the public exhibition of the REF and collation of any feedback, Council will need to decide whether to proceed with the construction of the proposal.