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Icon Water – part of the community

Icon Water has provided water and sewerage services to Canberra or more than 100 years. Icon Water undertakes ongoing monitoring and future planning to ensure that we can continue to provide these services into the future and for generations to come.

Why do we need to upgrade the sewer?

Icon Water is currently planning upgrades to the Belconnen trunk sewer. The Belconnen trunk sewer was built in the 1960s and is a critical part of the Belconnen sewerage network which serves Belconnen, Gungahlin and Hall.

Like most of Australia's capital cities, Canberra's population is growing and this increases demand on our water and sewer infrastructure. Major development has recently occurred in the Gungahlin region, and further development is projected including the new Belconnen suburbs of Lawson and the Ginninderra development. The Belconnen trunk sewer is nearing capacity and needs to be upgraded to ensure it can continue to meet demand. During extreme wet weather events, rainwater and an already steady flow in the sewer can result in sewage escaping from the sewer pipes into Ginninderra Creek, which flows into Lake Ginninderra. Icon Water appreciates how valuable these waterways are to Canberra and the increased capacity in the sewer network resulting from these projects will ensure that any risk of overflow into local waterways is significantly reduced.

In addition to improving capacity the network also requires some extra filtration and ventilation systems to be installed to protect the existing sewerage infrastructure and reduce odour issues. The Belconnen trunk sewer upgrade consists of four projects to be undertaken over the next few years.

The upgrade projects are:

	1	Belconnen trunk
		sewer augmentation
Project 1		pipeline
	0	North Latham Odour Control Unit (OCU)
Project 2	0	Latham OCU
		proposed location
Droinet 2		Florey OCU
Project 3		proposed location
Project 1		Evatt OCU
Project 4		proposed location

