



COMMUNITY INFORMATION UPDATE
JANUARY 2019

Belconnen trunk sewer upgrade projects

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Icon Water has provided water and sewerage services to Canberra for 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 these projects?

The Belconnen trunk sewer was built in the 1960s and due to increasing population and increased development, the sewer is nearing capacity and needs to be upgraded to ensure it can continue to meet demand. These planned upgrade projects are essential to ensuring that the Belconnen trunk sewer can continue to provide vital sewerage services to Belconnen, Gungahlin and Hall. In addition to increasing capacity the

network also requires extra ventilation and odour control systems to protect new and existing sewerage infrastructure.

What are the Belconnen trunk sewer upgrade projects?

The Belconnen trunk sewer upgrade projects consist of four main projects:

Project 1: a 2.4km sewerage pipe, a pipe bridge and an Odour Control Unit (OCU) to be located in North Latham.

Project 2: an OCU to be located at the southern end of Latham on the existing Belconnen trunk sewer at the base of Umbagog District Park.

Project 3: an OCU on the existing Belconnen trunk sewer in Florey.

Project 4: an OCU on the existing Belconnen trunk sewer in Evatt.

A map of these projects can be found over the page.

You can find more information about these projects and what is being proposed on our website at iconwater.com.au/bts.

Where is the planning up to for these projects?

Icon Water is currently undertaking consultation to help inform a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Project 1 and to assist the preliminary planning for Projects 2, 3 and 4.

To coincide with our first community update in November, we ran two drop-in community information sessions. To provide the opportunity for anyone who was unable to attend these sessions we will be running an additional drop-in community information session, details are below:



ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY DROP-IN INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday 19 January 2019

9am – 11am

Melba Copland College,
Verbruggen Street, Melba

Following the submission of the draft EIS, Icon Water is committed to ensuring there will be many more opportunities for the community to provide input, as seen in the table below:



Consultation Update

Icon Water would like to thank everyone who has provided feedback to date. There is still time to provide feedback.

The current stage of consultation is open until 31 January 2019.

Frequently Asked Questions

We have received many questions so far through our website, community meetings and at our drop-in community information sessions. A summary of these questions and our responses are below:

Q. Will the bike path that runs close to Project 1 be usable during construction?

A. We appreciate that the area where these projects are planned is used and enjoyed by the local community. We will be making effort to ensure impacts are

minimised. During construction sections of the bike path will need to be closed temporarily, however alternate cycle and walking routes will be provided. At this stage we are yet to confirm details of the alternate routes, however we have been consulting with recreational users and various community groups to establish suitable alternate routes.

Q. How does the new length of sewerage pipe connect into the existing sewer network?

A. Below you can see an updated map showing the proposed location of the projects. Surrounding the projects are grey lines which show the existing sewerage pipes in the area. The new length of sewer pipe will connect into existing sewerage infrastructure (i.e. Latham Trunk Sewer) at Tillyard drive which flows south to the existing Belconnen Trunk Sewer and on to the treatment plant at Lower Molonglo.

Q. Why do you need to build these OCU's when you already have vents nearby?

A. Vent stacks located near these proposed project locations are either passive vent stacks or those with forced ventilation. Both of these release gas from the sewer but do not filter the air first. The proposed OCU's will filter the air first, resulting in no odour. The OCU's will extend the life of the sewer reducing maintenance and associated costs.

Q. What will happen to the playground at the end of Delany Court, Melba during construction?

A. The playground will not be available during construction, however Icon Water working with the ACT Government to explore temporary alternatives. We are seeking feedback from community about how we may minimise impacts on local families.

