

2026-27 Operational Plan

Water and sewer

\$30.26M capital investment in water and sewer

This fact sheet has been prepared to help the community understand what Council plans to deliver across key areas in the 2026-27 Operational Plan.

Below are the key water and sewer capital projects for 2026-27:

Water

- EN.OP39: Deliver the water meter replacement program
- EN.OP40: Renew aged water mains across the water infrastructure network
- EN.OP45: Manage Council dams in accordance with Dam Safety Management Guidelines
- EN.OP46: Refurbish pumping stations across the water infrastructure network
- EN.OP42: Reservoir condition assessments undertaken and refurbishment program needs identified and prioritised
- EN.OP44: Works undertaken to provide safe and reliable drinking water to the community
- EN.OP50: Design and construct the Steuart McIntyre Dam water treatment plant
- EN.OP51: Design and construct new Crescent Head water treatment plant
- EN.OP52: Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) upgrades



Photo: Steuart McIntyre Dam

Sewerage

- EN.OP31: Renew aged sewer mains across the sewer collection network
- EN.OP32: Works undertaken to provide safe and reliable sewerage services to the community
- EN.OP34: Refurbish pumping stations across the sewer infrastructure network
- EN.OP36: Progress the development of the Central Kempsey wastewater treatment plant and the connection of the Frederickton and South Kempsey sewerage schemes to this plant
- EN.OP35: Progress development of Stuarts Point sewerage scheme project
- EN.OP37: Sherwood Environmental Airport precinct sewerage upgrades

Annual programs and operational projects

While key capital projects are outlined above, Council also delivers a range of ongoing programs and projects funded through the operating budget to support the operation, maintenance and reliability of water and sewer services for the community. This includes routine inspections, maintenance and repair works across water and wastewater networks, asset monitoring and compliance activities. Forward planning is undertaken to inform asset management, renewal and replacement programming to ensure services remain safe, sustainable and able to meet future demand.

Note: Financial investment in accordance with Appendix 2 of the 2026-27 draft Operational Plan: Capital Works Projects >\$50,000 and references next to projects i.e EN.OP39 are the Operational Plan action number for 2026-27.

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