MEDIA RELEASE

SCAMANDER TREATMENT PLANT

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Ben Lomond Water Chief Executive Officer Barry Cash said today that he expected work to begin on the Scamander Water Treatment Plant before the end of the month.

“We have been in negotiations over the land on which the plant will be located and I am pleased to be able to report that these have been successfully completed,” Mr Cash said.

“The community of Scamander has been on a temporary boil water alert for many months now but I expect that by next summer we will be providing treated water the East Coast town.

“This project is worth more than $2.2 million and represents a significant investment.

“The recent rain and the dirty water which followed for the residents and businesses in Scamander serves as a timely reminder of the importance of continued investment in improving access to clean, treated water in Tasmania,” Mr Cash said.

The Scamander Water Treatment Plant will be a 1 megalitre per day membrane filtration plant and is expected to take around 3 months to complete and commission, dependent upon weather conditions over winter.

SCOURING MAINTENANCE

Ben Lomond Water crews will be scouring pipes in Scamander today and over the weekend in order to remove as much sediment as possible.

The river is largely clear following last week’s rain however Ben Lomond Water has had reports of continued dirty water.

Residents and businesses are advised that water quality may deteriorate during scouring.

This is normal and customers are advised to run water through their pipes in order to clear sediment.

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