Cassilis Sewer Project

Community Presentation

20 May 2025



Why STP over WTP?

Why was the sewer project was chosen over water treatment plant?

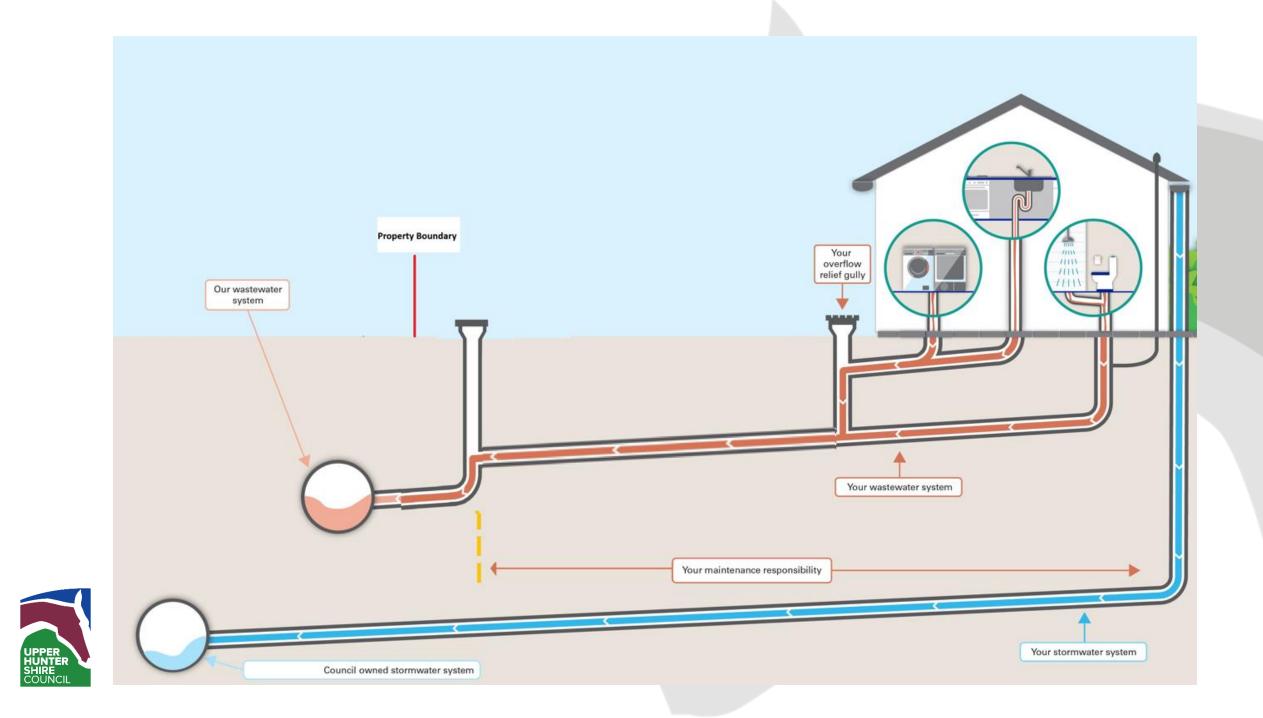
- Risk of contamination of water supply by sewerage making the water supply undrinkable
- Unviable as the assessment of the cost of to operate a water treatment system was \$168,000 equating to \$3,055 per household per year.
- Water quality currently meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines for health targets. It fails to meet aesthetic based targets

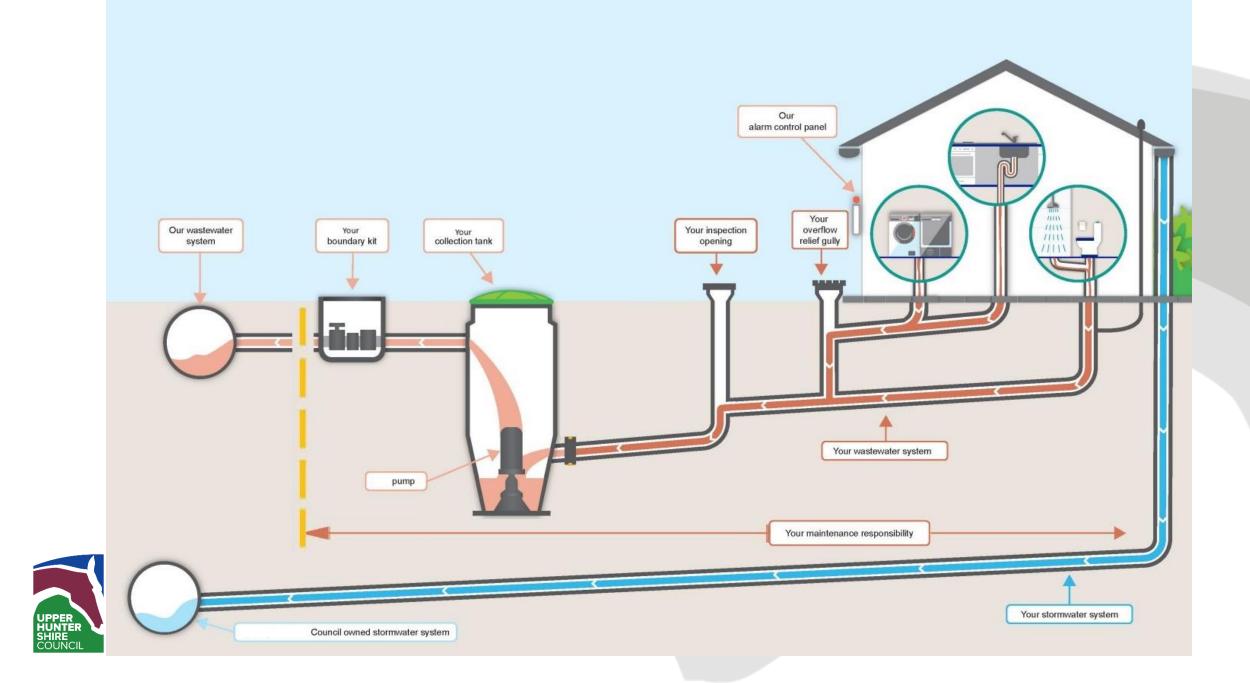


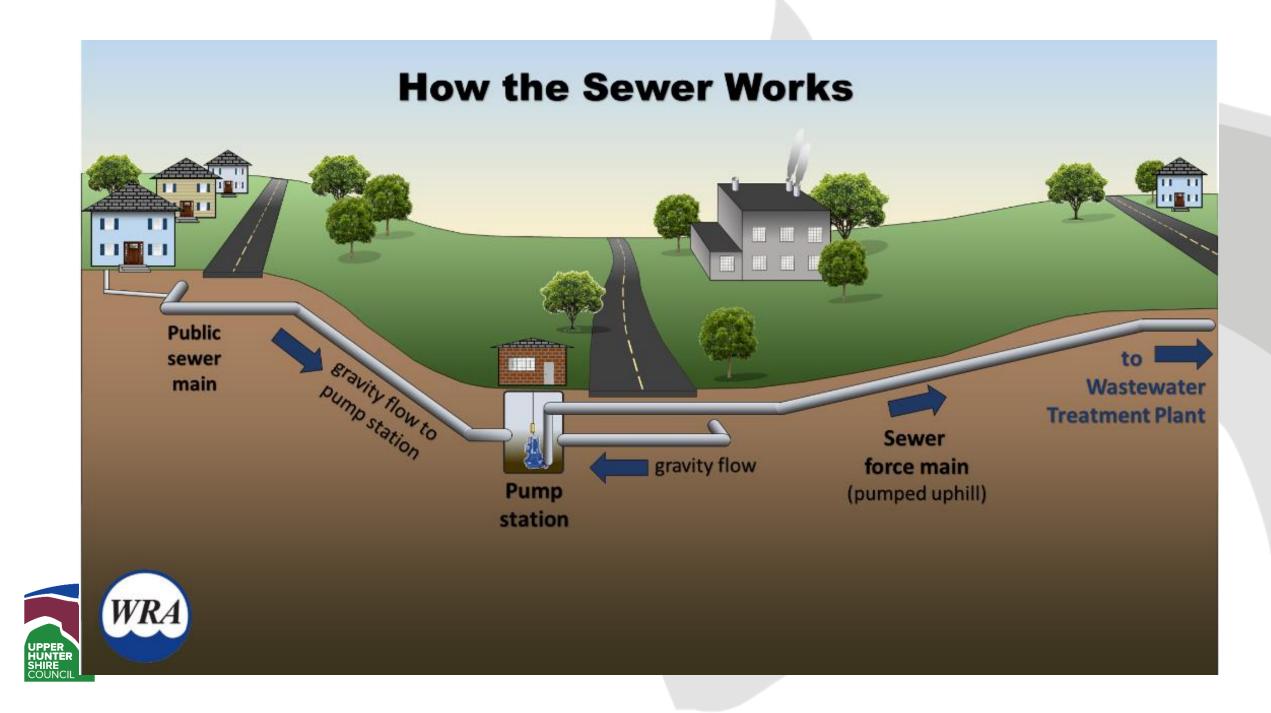
History of the project

- Sep 2016 Council received Grant Approval (Safe and Secure Water Program Restart Funding) for a design and construction (\$1.22 Million which was the 45% of the initial total project cost)
- March 2018 Initial community Consultation
- March 2019 Second Round Consultation
- March 2022 Design was completed by Cardno
- Quantity survey identified cost of works was \$5.6 Million
- Project was placed on hold subject to funding
- Handback of the remaining funding to the funding body
- 2024, 100% REZ funding became available (only available to Cassilis township)

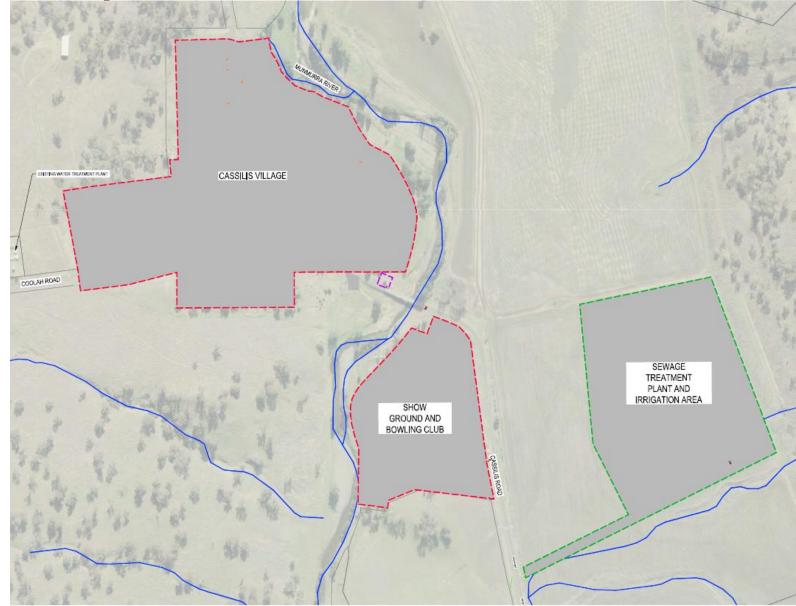






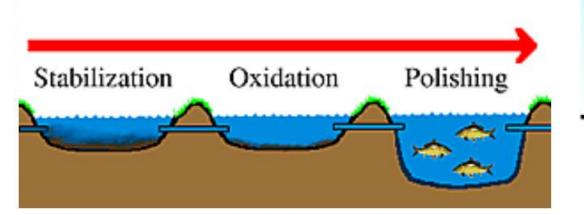


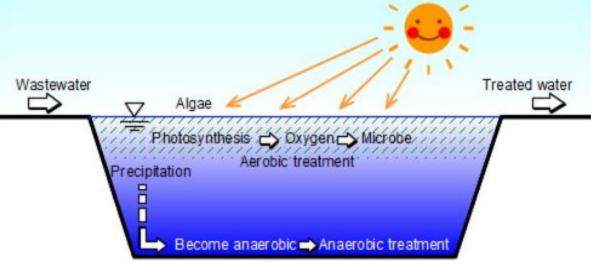
Project footprint





Treatment Process





Idea of the lagoon method



Cassilis STP location



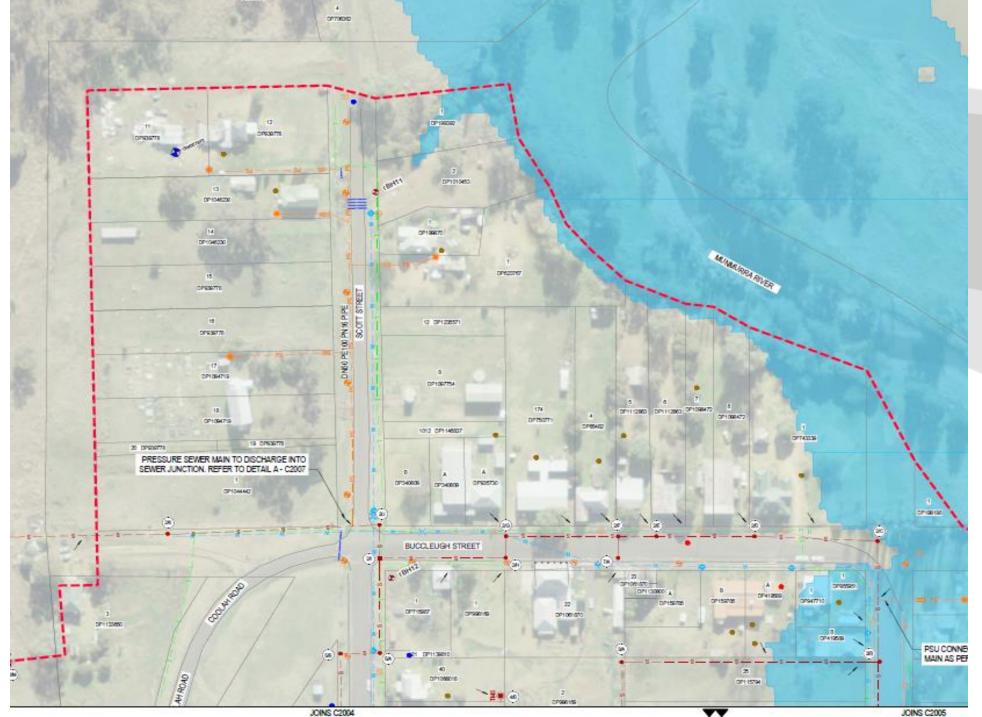






Interpreting the final design





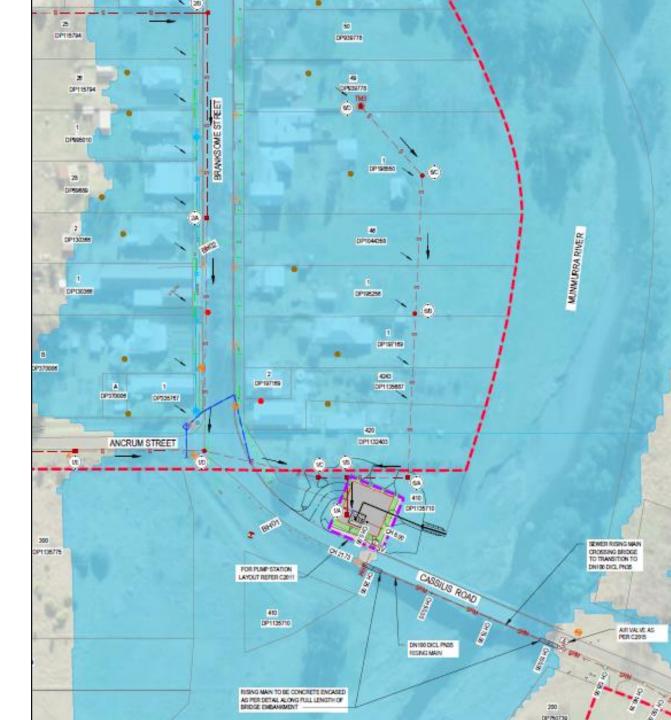
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Location of Pump Station and Hydrology Modelling



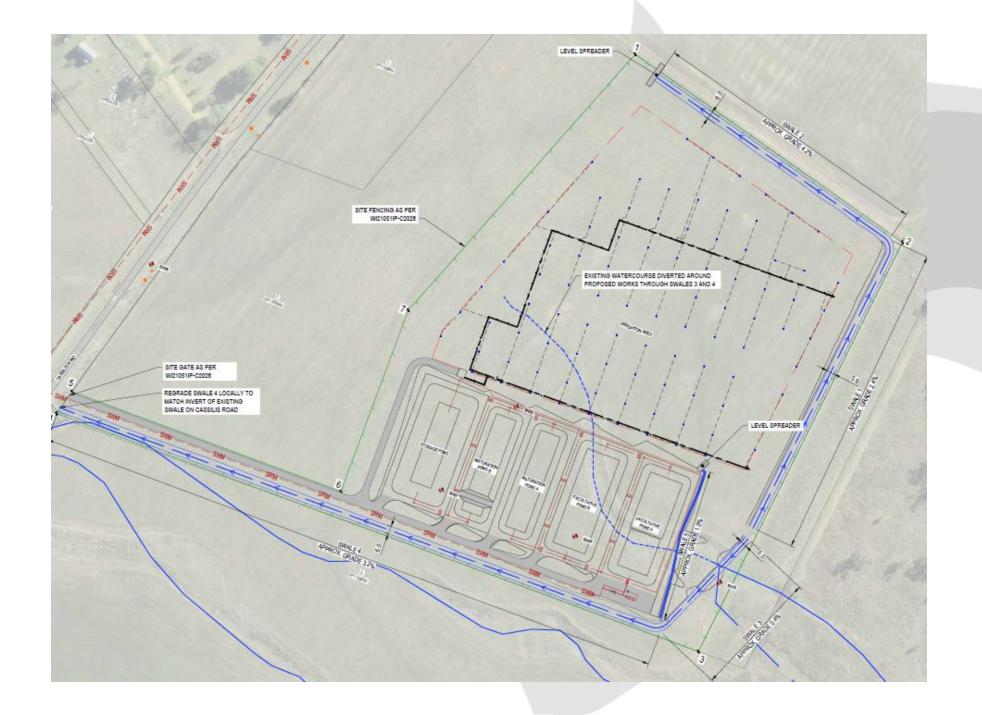




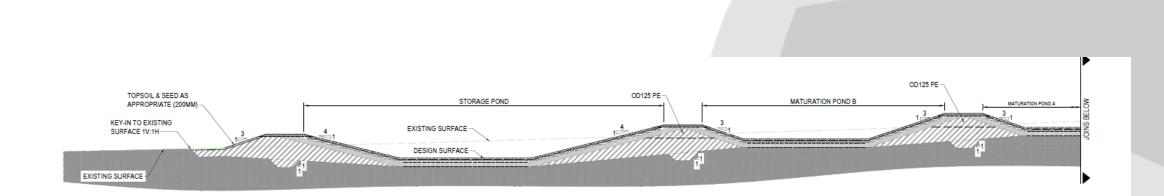


Treatment Plant – Polishing Ponds

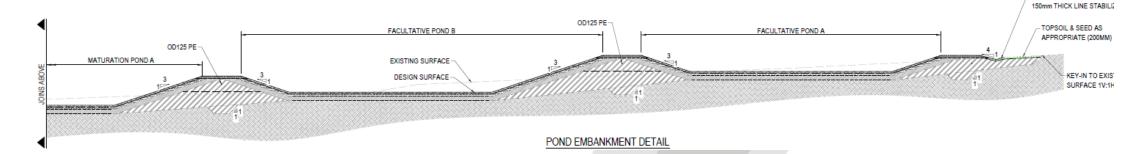








Cross Section view



-SWALE DRAIN TO BE LINED



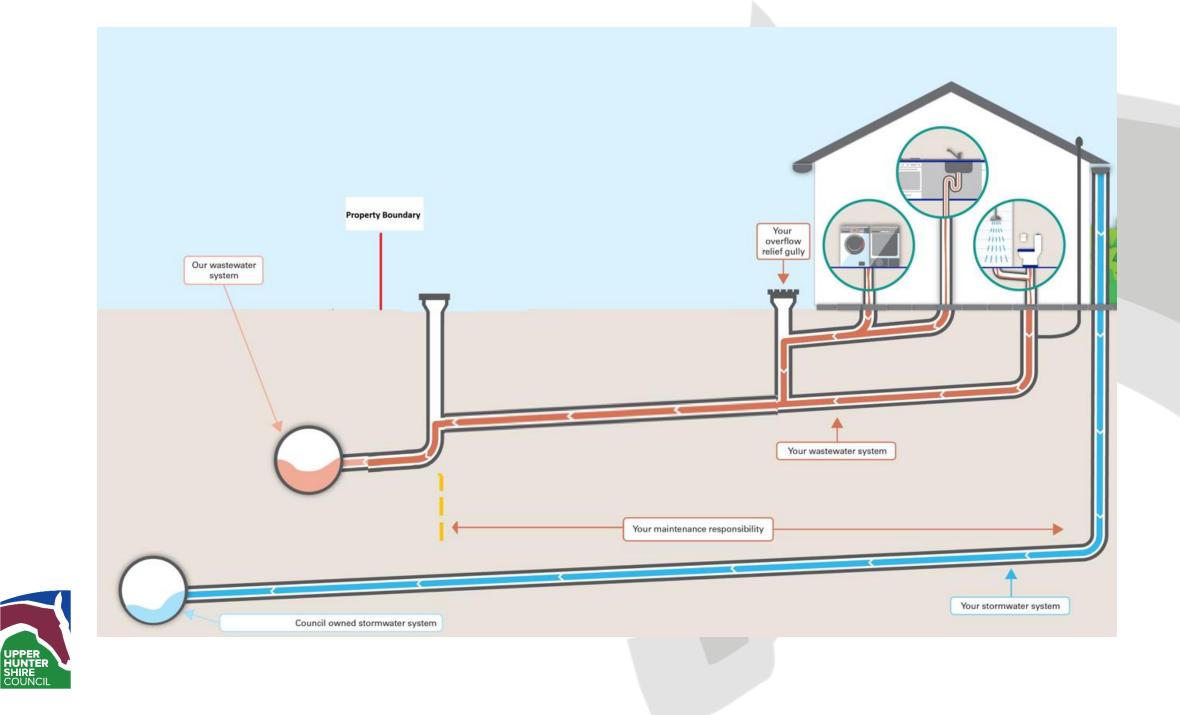
Design breakdown for households

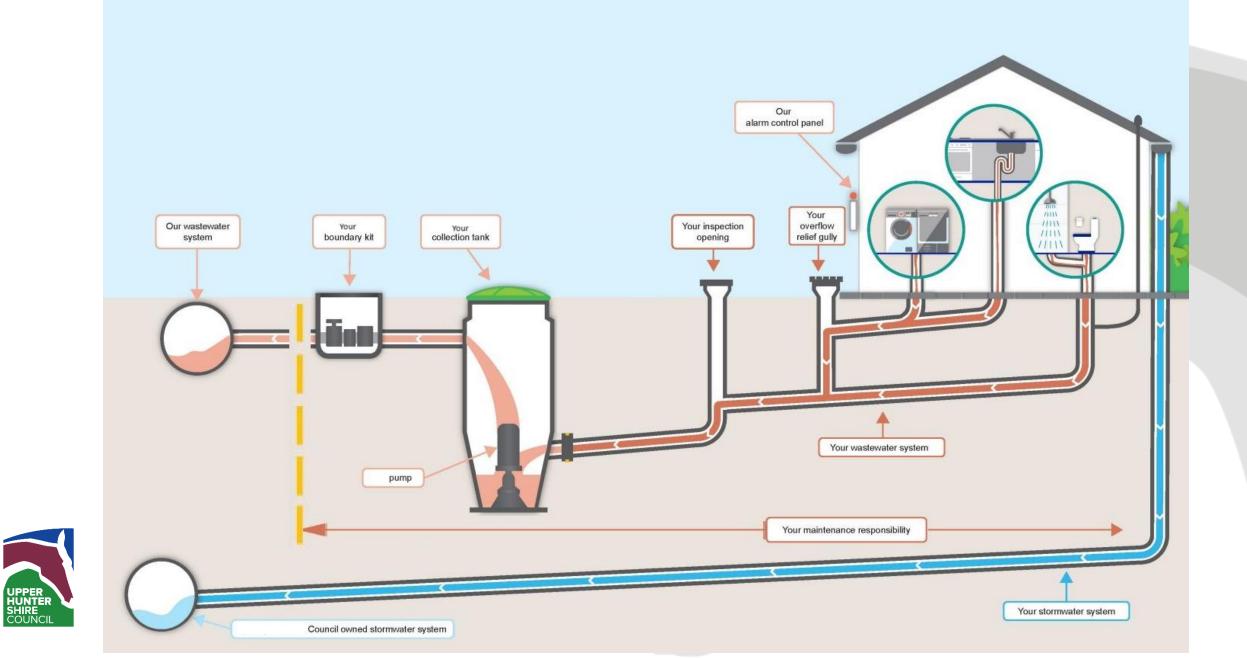
DRAWING INDEX	
DRAWING No.	DESCRIPTION/ADDRESS
WI21051IP-CI-3000	COVER SHEET
WI21051IP-CI-3001	DRAWING INDEX
WI21051IP-CI-3011	40 COOLAH RD, CASSILIS NSW 2329
WI21051IP-CI-3012	37 COOLAH RD, CASSILIS NSW 2329
WI21051IP-CI-3013	30 COOLAH RD, CASSILIS NSW 2329
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WI21051IP-CI-3010	39-41 ANCRUM STREET, CASSILIS NSW 2329
WI21051IP-CI-3020	35-37 ANCRUM ST, CASSILIS NSW 2329
WI21051 P-CI-3022	31-33 ANCRUM ST, CASSILIS NSW 2329



Asset ownership and maintenance responsibilities







Estimated Costs and Revenue

(based on 55 properties)

- Construction \$9.7M inc contingency (fully grant funded)
- Yearly operations \$78,540
- Yearly asset replacement \$30,333
- Revenue from sewer charge \$39,160

Current residential annual charge is set at \$712 across the shire. $55 \times $712 = $39,160$



Estimated Program

Current to Feb 2026 - Pre-tender works including

- Final design review and constructability check
- Section 60 Approval from DCCEEW
- Easement preparation and paperwork
- Tender preparation

Mar 2026 to April 2026 – Tender the works May 2026 / June 2026 – Council approval July 2026 to Nov 2028 – Project delivery (Construction) Jan 2028 to Apr 2028 – Connection of residences 2029 – Completion, reporting and asset capitalisation



Further Information

Design Information can be found on Council webpage

https://www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/Council/Major-Projects/Cassilis-Sewer-Treatment-Plant

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