

Clarrie Hall Dam environmental impact statement process starts

Consultants called in to discuss scope of works ahead of tendering

Council will meet this week with three shortlisted consultancy companies to finalise the scope of works for the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam.

Key Council employees and NSW Public Works Advisory, which has completed the concept design for raising the dam wall, will work with the companies to finalise the scope of works for drafting the Environmental Impact Statement.

The all-day meeting to be held on Friday 17 May marks a major milestone in the 10-year project designed to augment the Tweed's water supply to meet demand and population growth beyond 2026.

Council will then invite the shortlisted consultancies to tender next month to develop the Environmental Impact Statement and will engage the successful tenderer by the end of August 2019.

The successful tenderer will take about 12 months to develop the Environmental Impact Statement.

The project has been designated as State Significant Infrastructure by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) have been published on the Department's Major Projects website. They also have been published on Council's project page at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/RaisingClarrieHall

The Environmental Impact Statement will then go on public exhibition for comment. The Statement, together with all submissions made on the document, will be formally considered by an independent consultant who will prepare a report for the Minister recommending whether the project should proceed and, if so, the conditions on which it should proceed.

When the Environmental Impact Statement goes on public exhibition in about August 2020, Council will organise a public meeting to help the community unpack the document and make formal submissions on it.

Council has received grant funding of \$280,000 under Restart NSW's Safe and Secure Water Program towards the cost of the EIA.

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