

DARWIN REGION WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM Community Update | Issue 1



Welcome to the first Community Update for the Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program (the Infrastructure Program), which includes the Manton Dam Return to Service (RTS) and Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage (AROWS) projects. We will produce these Update's across the year to keep you informed on the progress of these important projects.

Keep reading for recent updates including:

- Establishment of the Community Reference Group
- Confirmation of Australian Government funding
- Tender opportunities
- Recreation at Manton Dam to continue

Visit the [Water Security website](#) to learn more about the Infrastructure Program.



Community Reference Group

The first meeting of the Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program Community Reference Group was held in Darwin on 7 November 2022. It was attended by the Hon. Eva Lawler MLA, Minister for Territory Development, to welcome members to the landmark meeting.

The purpose of the Community Reference Group is to provide a direct line of communication between community and the NT Government. It provides a platform for the community to share their views on matters related to the Infrastructure Program.

Community Reference Group members have been selected based on their expert knowledge, experience and ability to represent the local community directly impacted by the project. This group is one part of a suite of consultation and engagement initiatives that will be undertaken for the Infrastructure Program.

At the meeting, members discussed their connection to the Infrastructure Program and were provided a presentation by NT Government and Power and Water Corporation, which highlighted the importance of this work. Members also agreed to a schedule for meetings to be held in 2023.

A meeting communique, which provides an overview of the meeting outcomes and discussion, is available on the [Water Security website](#).

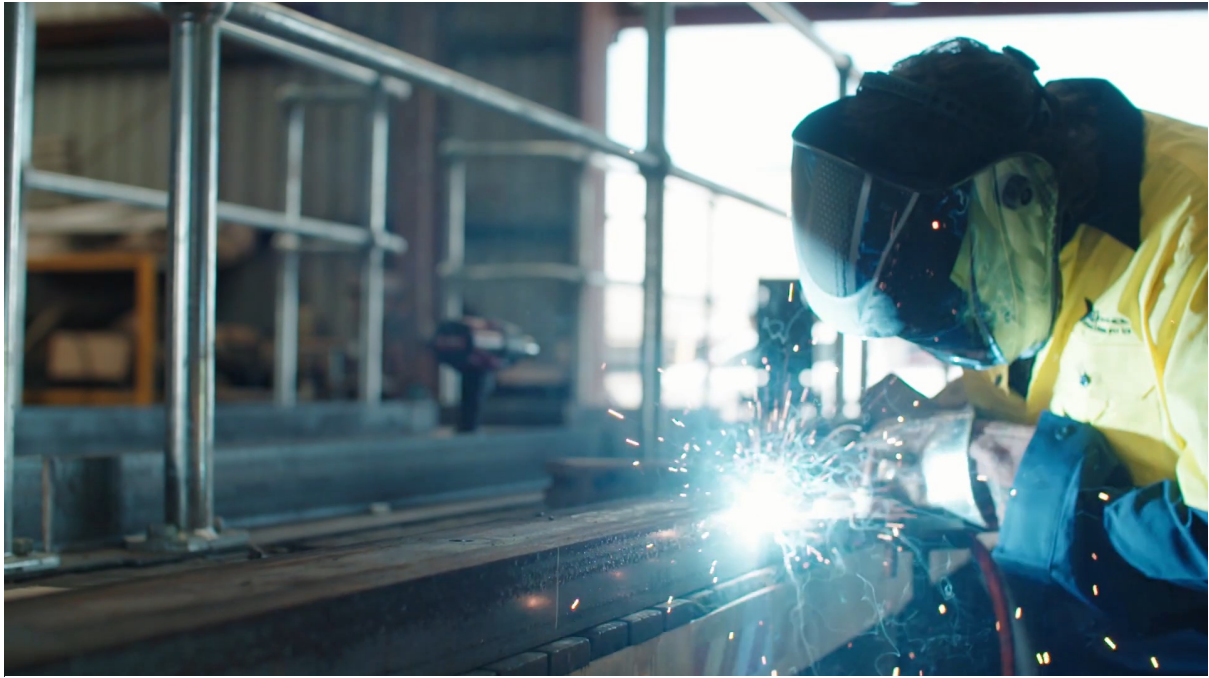


Funding confirmed

On 25 October 2022, at the 2022/23 October Federal Budget, the Australian Government confirmed funding of \$300.6 million for Stage 1 of the Infrastructure Program. This funding covers 100% of the amount requested by the NT Government.

An additional amount of \$7.1 million of funding has been allocated for the development and delivery of the Adelaide River Catchment Water Allocation Plan, led by the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security.

This funding recognises the importance of the Infrastructure Program and the work that the NT Government is doing to secure additional water for Territorians. The Australian Government's decision was underpinned by NT Government's robust and detailed business case assessment of future water supply options, which highlighted the need for water supply security in the Darwin region.



Tender opportunities

Last week the tender for the [Provision of Lead Environmental Consultant](#) for the AROWS Project was released.

The following Future Tender Opportunities have also been published:

- [Provision of Lead Engineering Consultant](#) to Deliver Concept Design for the AROWS Project
- [Design and Construction of the Manton Dam Return to Service Project](#)

There are a number of tenders to be released for the Manton Dam RTS and AROWS projects over the coming months. If you would like to receive notifications of these, please register your interest with NT Government's [Quotations and Tenders Online](#).



Recreation at Manton Dam to continue

In case you missed it, Manton Dam will continue to be an important recreational asset for the community once it is returned to service. Power and Water Corporation will apply additional treatment measures to ensure the dam meets stringent drinking water quality standards.

The NT Government and Power and Water are working together to develop a contemporary recreational management plan that recognises the reservoir's dual purpose.

Visit [Power and Water's website](#) to learn more about the Manton Dam RTS project.



Contact us

We value your input and look forward to working with the community as the Infrastructure Program progresses.

Community members can reach out to Community Reference Group members directly or contact the Project Team at any time to discuss matters related to the Infrastructure Program. Please send us an email at WaterInfrastructure.DITT@nt.gov.au.

There will be a number of opportunities to engage with us out and about in the New Year. We will share these with you through these newsletters as they arise.



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