

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Linville Water Treatment Plant (an asset of Seqwater), which has been inoperative since the 2013 flood event—

Will the Minister advise (a) the cost-to-date of carting water by tanker to Linville since the plant ceased operation, (b) how many loads of water are carted to Linville each day, (c) why reconstruction of the plant has been delayed, with original plans for the works to take place in 2016 and (d) estimated cost for the re-construction of the new plant?

ANSWER:

A new \$2 million water treatment plant will be constructed in Linville to secure long-term water supply for the growing community.

The existing plant, which was constructed in 1970, was forced to close after the 2013 floods put the facility out of action.

Since then, Seqwater has supplied Linville's 150 or so residents with drinking water by tankering water from the nearby Kilcoy Water Treatment Plant—at a cost to date of \$918,920 (excluding GST) for approximately 12 to 13 loads per week.

Since 2013, Seqwater has undertaken a number of major upgrades to water treatment plants across the region, prioritising upgrades according to cost, community impact and Seqwater's delivery capacity. The timeframes of the Linville upgrade made up part of this planning by Seqwater.

The new plant will be a larger facility to house an improved water quality monitoring station to better detect any contaminants in the raw water and have improved treatment capabilities.

The new plant will have upgraded filters and ultra violet disinfection capabilities for added protection.

Early survey work for the project started late last year and construction is scheduled