

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 553

asked on 14 May 2026

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**MS N BOYD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WATER AND MINISTER FOR FIRE, DISASTER RECOVERY AND VOLUNTEERS (HON A LEAHY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the five Indigenous community water security projects announced by the Minister on 31 March 2026 in Cherbourg, Doomadgee, Mornington Island, Northern Peninsula Area and Wujal Wujal—

Will the Minister advise, for each project separately, (a) the month and year construction commenced (or is scheduled to commence), (b) the month and year of the current expected construction completion date and (c) the month and year of key milestone dates (including design finalisation, procurement, and major construction stages)?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for the question and her interest in this matter.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to delivering on our election commitment of restoring clean drinking water to our indigenous communities.

Indigenous communities have had to deal with many years of substandard water quality due to a lack of investment, and it is an issue we are determined to turn around.

### Cherbourg Water Quality Improvements Project

- The \$25.6 million Cherbourg Water Quality Improvement Project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and the National Water Grid. The project will ensure reliable access to clean drinking water for the community.
- Construction for the Cherbourg town water mains replacement commenced in February 2026 and is expected to be completed in late 2026.
- Construction for the Cherbourg Bert Button Reservoir and water mains commenced in February 2026 and is expected to be completed in late 2026.
- The detailed design for the Cherbourg Water Treatment Plant Upgrades was completed in April 2026. Construction will immediately commence following contract award and is expected to be completed in mid to late 2027.

### Doomadgee Water Supply Project

- The \$9 million Doomadgee Water Supply Project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and the National Water Grid. The project will ensure reliable access to clean drinking water for the community.
- Design and construction of the new two megalitre treated water reservoir was awarded in September 2025. Construction commenced in October 2025 and is expected to be completed in mid to late 2026.

- The Water Treatment Plant Upgrade construction contract was awarded in May 2026 and is expected to be completed in mid 2027.

#### Mornington Island Water Supply Project

- The \$6 million Mornington Island Water Supply Project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and the National Water Grid. The project will ensure reliable access to clean drinking water for the community.
- The construction contract was awarded in May 2026. Construction is expected to be completed in mid 2027.

#### Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply Project

- The \$10 million Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply Project is jointly funded by the Queensland and the National Water Grid.
- Construction for the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council water mains replacement commenced in May 2025 and is expected to be completed in mid 2026.
- The detailed design contract for the Bamaga water treatment plant upgrades is expected to be finalised in mid 2026. The tender for construction will immediately commence following completion of design with contract award expected in late 2026 and completion in mid to late 2027.

#### Wujal Wujal Water Infrastructure Upgrades Project

- The \$6 million Wujal Wujal Water Infrastructure Upgrades Project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and the National Water Grid.
- Construction commenced in February 2026 and is expected to be completed in late 2026 to early 2027.