

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Essential for growth.

The North Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant (NRSTP) provides an essential service to more than two thirds of our community.

However, the plant is nearly at capacity, which means our potential for growth is nearly at capacity. The current infrastructure is also over 50 years old, and is in need of extensive work.

Over the next 15 years our population is expected to grow by 31,000 people - mostly in North Rockhampton. Without augmenting the NRSTP, we won't have the essential services to cater for this. Without undertaking the maintenance that needs to occur, we won't be able to continue servicing the population we have.

This project will increase the plant's capacity by 50%, allowing it to service roughly 4,600 new households. It will also allow Council to undertake repairs and upgrades to the infrastructure that exists, so we can treat waste water more efficiently and to a higher standard.

The construction work on the augmentation alone will create 80 full time jobs, and contribute about \$63 million directly to the local economy.

But, the impact is far greater than that. More capacity means more investment, more development, and more jobs. It's good for the region, good for the environment, and good for jobs.

Essential service

65% of our region's connected population is serviced by the NRSTP – that's around 50,000 people.

At capacity

The current infrastructure is running at capacity, and is in need of maintenance and upgrades.

Unlock jobs and growth

Augmenting the North Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant will mean we can service 4,600 new households - unlocking growth and investment in the region.

ELECTION COMMITMENT

\$25 million

Co-funding commitment to the \$75 million project.

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STAGES

PART A

The initial phase of the project will involve adding a new process train with a capacity of 25,000 persons to meet estimated population growth for the next 20 years.

This will increase the capacity of the NRSTP to 75,000, and allow for about 4,600 new households.

PART B

The existing infrastructure is more than 50 years old and requires extensive maintenance.

Once the new process train is built, we will be able to turn off the two existing trains one at a time, undertake a full audit, and undertake maintenance. This isn't possible until part a occurs.

BENEFITS



EMPLOYMENT

Construction on the augmentation alone is expected to create 80 million jobs, and support approximately 450 ongoing jobs.



ECONOMIC

This project is expected to contribute \$121 million to the economy annually.



ENVIRONMENT

These works will mean that we can treat more waste and treat it better, ensuring we can meet environmental obligations.

