

30 April 2021

Dear Customer

Icon Water will be upgrading the Belconnen trunk sewer which serves Belconnen, Gungahlin and Hall, to keep up with Canberra’s growing population and the demand on water and sewer infrastructure. The upgrades will also help us maintain public health and protect the environment.

The project will use open trenching and trenchless construction techniques, and will consist of:

- Installing approximately 2.4km of sewer pipe
- Installing 18 sewer manholes and four odour control units
- Installing a 170m long pipe bridge to cross the Ginninderra Creek
- Restoring all impacted areas



Project timing

- Vegetation clearing started mid-April 2021
- Pipeline installation between Copland Drive and Tillyard Drive scheduled to start by mid-May 2021
- The installation of our pipeline is scheduled to be completed by December 2021
- Construction of the odour control units by mid-2022.

Our work hours will be 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. We will advise you if work is required outside these hours.

Project location and temporary compounds

The new sewer will be installed within public land, parallel to Ginninderra Drive between the intersections of Ginninderra Drive and Copland Drive Melba, and Ginninderra Drive and Tillyard Drive, Charnwood.

Temporary site compounds will be used to store materials, pipes, fittings and machinery and to accommodate staff working on-site.



Tree assessment and removal

Icon Water is committed to minimising any impacts on our local flora and fauna. Due to the necessity for the sewer to be installed in public land and away from private property, a number of trees identified within the construction corridor will be assessed and removed. We will be replanting approximately 280 trees when the construction is complete.

A qualified ecologist has been engaged to oversee the tree removal process with an aim of reducing the number of trees impacted by our works.

Wildlife care

Prior to the removal of any trees, a detailed survey will identify trees showing habitat features such as hollows, nests or scratch marks. These trees will be specially managed by an onsite ecologist team, and any wildlife discovered during the clearing works will be protected and relocated. The onsite ecologist team will oversee all tree clearing activities.

Rehabilitation and replanting plan

We will follow a Rehabilitation and Replanting Plan endorsed by Transport Canberra and City Services. Cleared areas will be replanted and landscaped progressively throughout construction, with the majority of vegetation comprising of native indigenous species.

Repurposing of cleared trees

All trees removed during the clearing works will be mulched and repurposed for use in the surrounding parks and reserves. Trees cannot be collected for private use due to safety reasons. A select number of trees will be donated to local organisations for animal care and habitats.

What you may notice

You may notice the use of light vehicles in the public reserve parallel to Ginninderra Drive between the intersections of Ginninderra Drive and Copland Drive Melba, and Ginninderra Drive and Tillyard Drive, Charnwood.

Machinery and hand tools including excavators, mulchers, tipper trucks and chainsaws will be used to remove cleared trees.

There will be an increase in vehicle movements, some dust and some noisy activities during work hours. Where possible, we will make every effort to minimise impacts on local residents and the wider community. We will also ensure the adjacent roads are kept free from debris. We will restore the impacted areas to as close as possible to its previous condition at the end of the project.

Where you can find more information and who you can talk to

- Scan the QR code
- Visit our website www.iconwater.com.au/bts
- Talk to Diona's Community Relations team on 1300 131 338

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Yours sincerely

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