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Our Region's Water

Today's priorities and tomorrow's opportunities

Mayor's message

Safe and reliable water is essential to every home, business and community across our Region.

Council is investing now to strengthen our water network and prepare for future growth. This work is about more than pipes, pumps and dams. It is about giving families confidence in their water supply, supporting new homes and helping local businesses and communities prosper.

We are also planning for the Region's longer-term water needs. By investing in essential infrastructure today and considering the opportunities ahead, we are working to secure reliable water services for generations to come.

While these investments are critical, we also recognise that water is a precious resource in our Region. Toowoomba has

always been a community that understands the value of water, and each of us can play a part by using it wisely and avoiding unnecessary waste.

Together, investment in infrastructure and responsible water use will help ensure the Toowoomba Region remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and build a future.



Geoff McDonald
Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor

Your Councillors representing our Region

Deputy Mayor Councillor
Rebecca Vonhoff
Councillor James O'Shea

Councillor Melissa Taylor
Councillor Kerry Shine
Councillor Gary Gardner

Councillor Tim McMahon
Councillor Carol Taylor
Councillor Bill Cahill

Councillor Edwina Farquhar
Councillor Trevor Manteufel

Our water future at a glance

\$1 billion

Investing in the Region's
water future

50 years

Our biggest water investment
in half a century

8 major projects

Delivering essential
infrastructure

Building a water-secure future

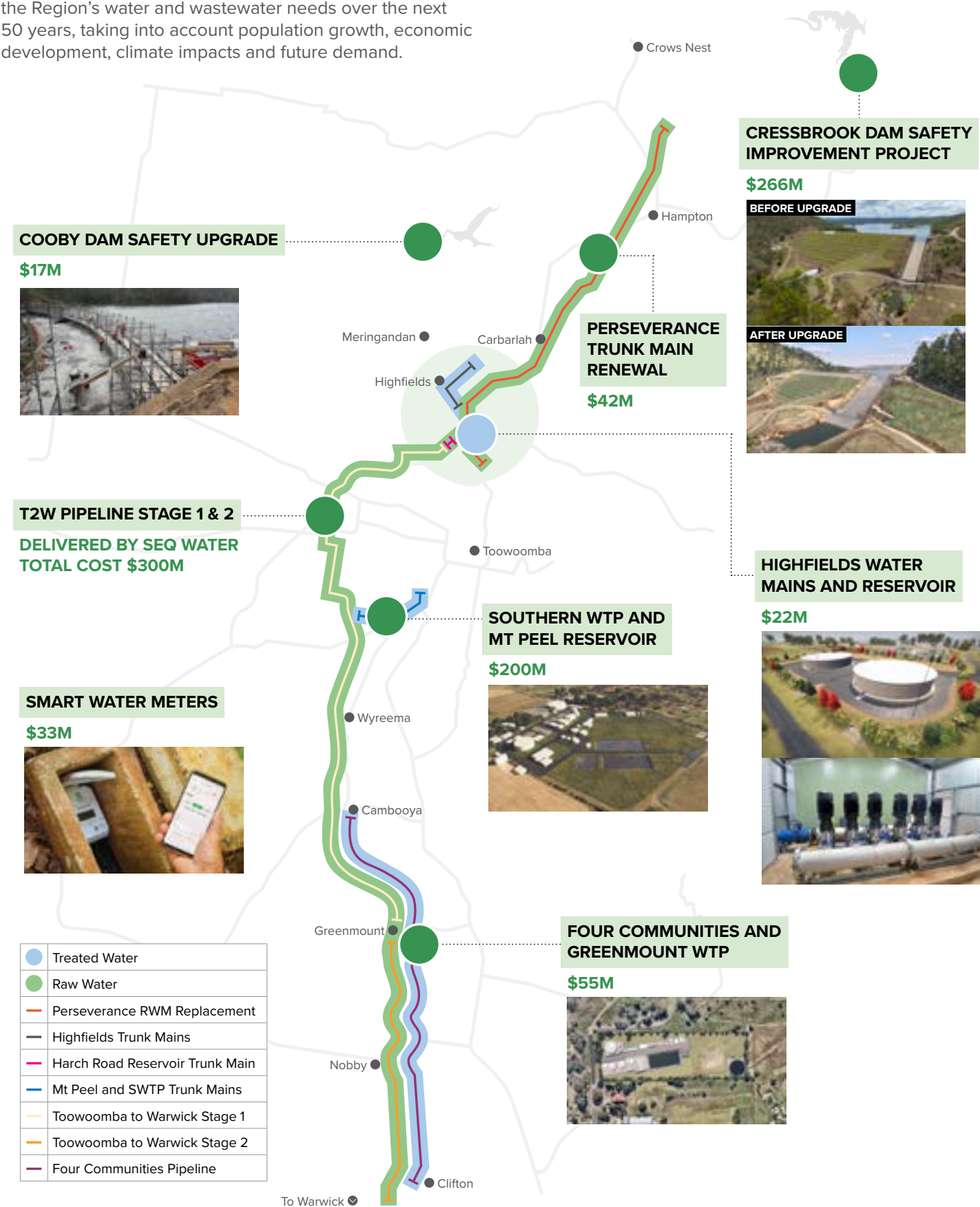
Council and its delivery partners are progressing around \$1 billion in water projects, representing the Region’s largest water infrastructure investment in about 50 years.

Major projects include dam safety upgrades, pipelines, treatment plants, reservoirs, water main renewals and smart water meters. Together, they will strengthen the water network, improve resilience and provide essential services for new housing and development.

Through Water Vision 2071, Council is also planning for the Region’s water and wastewater needs over the next 50 years, taking into account population growth, economic development, climate impacts and future demand.

Deputy Mayor, Strategic Water Planning and Capital Delivery portfolio spokesperson Cr Rebecca Vonhoff said she was passionate about ensuring the Region was well prepared for future water needs.

“Water is fundamental to our way of life and the continued success of our Region. I’m proud to see Council delivering significant investments that will strengthen water security, support our growing communities and help create opportunities for future generations.”



Safer dams, stronger water security

Construction has commenced on Queensland's largest local government-led dam safety improvement project at Cressbrook Dam to help keep downstream communities safer and protect one of the Region's most important water supplies.

- **What's happening:** the spillway will be widened and part of the dam wall raised to meet contemporary dam safety standards.
- **Why it matters:** Cressbrook Dam provides about 63 per cent of Toowoomba's water storage capacity.
- **Community benefit:** greater peace of mind for residents through improved dam safety, flood resilience and water reliability for future generations.

The Cressbrook Dam Safety Improvement Project (CDSIP) is delivered by the CDSIP Alliance, consisting of Council, Seymour Whyte and SMEC, to help keep this vital community asset safe and reliable.

The CDSIP is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and Toowoomba Regional Council.



PICTURE On hand at the sod turning for the Cressbrook Dam Safety Improvement Project were Cr Edwina Farquhar, TRC General Manager of Water and Waste Services Jaek Passier, SMEC CEO James Phillis, TRC Mayor Geoff McDonald, Treasurer of Queensland David Janetzki MP, TRC Deputy Mayor Rebecca Vonhoff, Cr Melissa Taylor and Seymour Whyte CEO Steve Lambert.

To learn more visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/cdsip



A step closer to treated water for local communities

Families and businesses in Cambooya, Clifton, Greenmount and Nobby are a step closer to a secure treated drinking water supply, with Council completing the tender process for the Greenmount Water Treatment Plant.

- **What's planned:** a new treatment plant on Council-owned land at Haldon Street, Greenmount.
- **How it will work:** the plant will treat water from Cressbrook Dam delivered through the Toowoomba to Warwick Pipeline.
- **Community benefit:** safe, reliable drinking water for local communities that have historically relied on bore water.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2027 and be delivered over about three years, subject to final contractual arrangements. Council will continue to keep residents informed as the project progresses.

To learn more visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/fourcommunities



Water infrastructure to support new homes and neighbourhoods

A major Queensland Government investment is helping deliver the Southern Water Treatment Plant at Westbrook, supporting new homes, growing neighbourhoods and improved water security across the Region.

- **Funding announced:** \$145 million through the Queensland Government's Residential Activation Fund.
- **What it supports:** capacity for up to 33,000 future homes over the long term.
- **Community benefit:** stronger water infrastructure to support new neighbourhoods, local jobs and places for families to call home.

Council will work with the Queensland Government on detailed planning and delivery so essential services keep pace with growth in Westbrook, southern Toowoomba and surrounding communities.

To learn more visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/southernwatertreatment

PICTURE The Queensland Premier and Deputy Premier with Council at the future site of the Southern Water Treatment Plant.



Helping households understand and save water

Residents can now get a clearer picture of their household water use, with Council's smart water meter rollout nearing completion and more than 95 per cent of installations finished across the Region.

- **Track your use:** see daily water use and compare it over time.
- **Save water:** spot changes in use early and make small adjustments around the home that can help save water.
- **Get started:** download the Toowoomba Water app from the App Store or Google Play, or visit water.tr.qld.gov.au.

For more information or help getting started, call 131 872 or visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/smartwatermeters



Every drop counts

We all have a role to play in using water responsibly. Small changes around the home and garden can help protect our water future.

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Are you storm prepared?



Know your risk of overland flow

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