

Official Opening of "Future-Proofed" Black Gully Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

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Aquatec Maxcon is very proud to announce that our upgraded Black Gully Wastewater Treatment Plant was officially opened on the 1st of November 2019.

The upgraded plant was opened by the Central Highlands Regional Council Mayor, Kerry Hayes, and Assistant Minister for State Development, Julieanne Gilbert. The project was funded through the Queensland Government's "Building our Regions" program, in association with the Central Highlands Regional Council.

The plant now operates at more than double its original capacity as a result of the recent upgrade, producing recycled water for irrigation to a minimum Class C standard and boasting a new inlet and a new bioreactor that separates liquid and solid waste as well as an updated disinfection process.

Scott Mason, Council CEO, had the following to say:

'Before the upgrade, the plant was designed for a population of 4000 but had up to 7500 connections. The Black Gully Wastewater Treatment Plant can now service a population of 10,000.'

'Population growth estimates forecast that the plant may service up to 17,000 by 2031.'

'This project is an investment by Council and the Queensland Government in fundamental infrastructure to keep the environment and people in our communities healthy and safe.'

Assistant Minister for State Development Julieanne Gilbert said the project saw around 40 local businesses and contractors engaged during the two-year construction period.

'More than 70 new jobs were created in the community during the construction phase,' Mrs Gilbert said. 'The upgrade will ensure the region is sustained by the right infrastructure well into the future.'

'This is another important regional project supported through the Palaszczuk Government's successful \$365 million Building our Regions program.'

'We're proud to have partnered with Central Highlands Regional Council to deliver this for the people of Emerald.'

In total, 303 people completed 125,000 hours of work on site, pouring 6800 tonnes of concrete.



Mayor, Kerry Hayes, introducing the upgraded Black Gully Wastewater Treatment Plant



Mayor Kerry Hayes and Assistant Minister for State Development, Julieanne Gilbert



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News sources:

[Win News Central Queensland: "Future Proofing Emerald" Facebook Video](#)

[Central Queensland News: "The scent of superior sewage" News Article](#)

[Central Highlands Regional Council: "Future proofed wastewater treatment plant officially opened"](#)