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Investigations to extend water supply for the Peel Valley

Thank you to everyone who recently attended community information sessions in Dungowan and Tamworth.

Our investigations and assessments are in the final stages in sourcing water security options along the Peel River, following a Government announcement in June to determine emergency short term measures to extend supply to Tamworth, Moonbi and Kootingal. The community information session outlined the proposed measures for WaterNSW to:

- install two temporary weirs and a temporary pipeline on the Peel River
- construct a permanent pipeline from Chaffey Dam to the existing Dungowan pipeline.

The proposed weirs will extend the water supply for Tamworth for approximately four months to maintain supply during the construction of the permanent pipeline. The permanent pipeline will:

- significantly reduce the transmission losses that occur through absorption and evaporation when the river is used to transfer water.
- conserve the remaining storage in Chaffey Dam and provide long-term water supply and drought security for Tamworth.

You may have noticed our project team conducting surveys, environmental assessments and geotechnical studies. Part of the studies will involve the drilling of boreholes at a number of locations from Monday 19 August 2019. These investigations will continue in the area till late August 2019 to finalise the pipeline route.

The majority of our investigations are being conducted along the road verge. If we need to enter private property we will contact owners in advance to discuss this. A map is enclosed, showing the locations of the pipeline route options.

Traffic management or detours may be required during this work to safely guide pedestrians and vehicles around our work areas.

What will happen next?

Our investigations are expected to be completed by the end of August 2019 and will determine the pipeline route. A notification has been posted to all landholders along the temporary and permanent pipeline options updating them of the works.

When the pipeline route is confirmed, we will contact landholders directly impacted to discuss the plans, timeframes and restoration details. Most of the pipeline is expected to be constructed in the road verge however a number of front fencelines may be impacted by the construction corridor that is required to allow for crews to move and store equipment around the work area to construct the pipeline.

Construction of the temporary weir and pipeline at Dungowan is anticipated to start from late September and is now expected to be completed by early November 2019. Plans to construct the temporary weir at Jewry Street will be finalised in the next few weeks.

Construction of the permanent pipeline is anticipated to start in late October 2019 and is expected to be completed by February 2020.

We will notify you again as we progress with our plans and when details of the upcoming information sessions planned for October 2019 are confirmed.

To keep updated

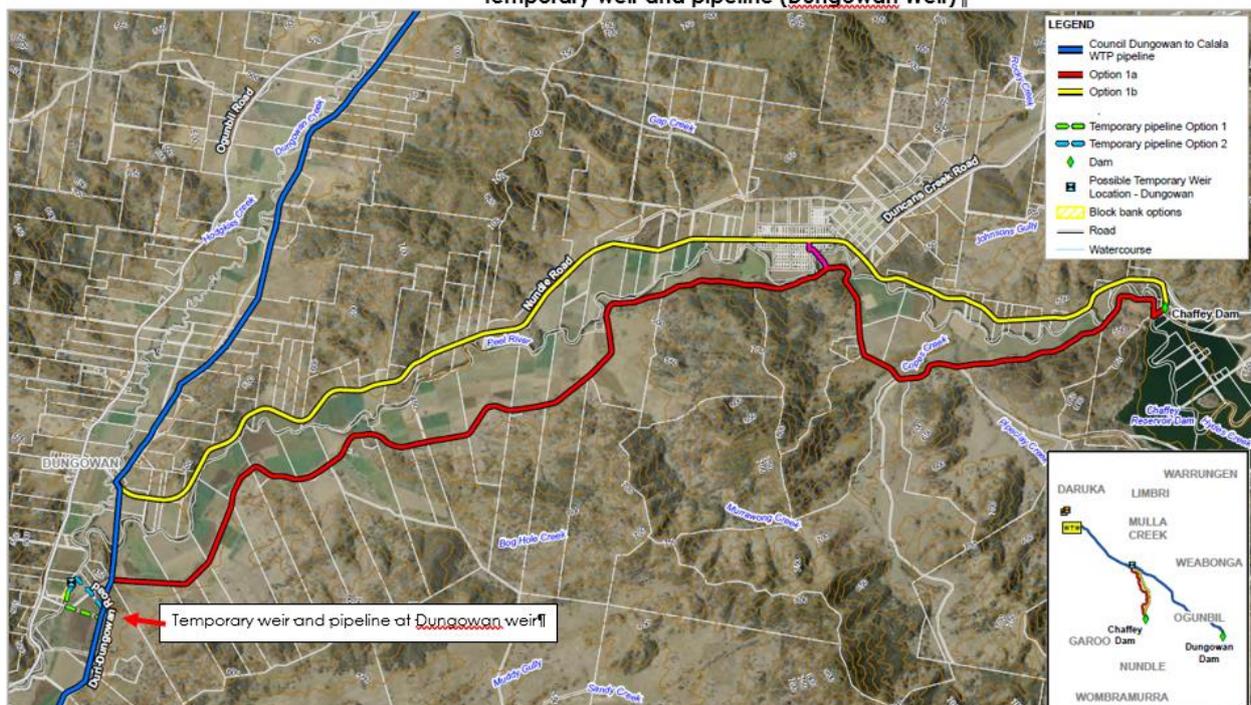
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Map: Permanent pipeline route options (Chaffey Dam to Dungowan) and temporary weir and pipeline (Dungowan Weir)



Disclaimer: permanent pipeline route to be confirmed following investigations