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Shire of Broome welcomes \$33m water infrastructure cash splash

The Shire of Broome has welcomed the State Government's \$33 million commitment to future-proof the town's access to non-potable water sources.

WA Water Minister Dave Kelly travelled to Broome on Wednesday to pledge the investment, which will be broken down into two components.

The Water Corporation will provide \$23.3 million to expand the Broome North Wastewater Treatment Plant and redirect wastewater to the improved facility.

This will lead to the closure of the existing Broome South Wastewater Treatment Plant and provide sustainability for the Shire and our community for decades to come.

The State Government has also committed \$9.7 million for a new irrigation scheme, which will ensure non-potable water in the future for green spaces such as sports ovals across Broome and the golf club.

Councillor Chris Mitchell, who represented the Shire at Wednesday's announcement, said the new water infrastructure would benefit the town significantly.

"The Shire is very happy with the announcement and thanks the State Government for its sizeable investment," he said.

"The issue of water supply in Broome is something the Shire has been in negotiations over for a number of years but this commitment ensures a long-term, industry-leading solution.

"In addition, the new infrastructure will provide new opportunities for the Shire and ensure minimal financial burden is placed on our ratepayers."

The Broome South Wastewater Treatment Plant is due to be decommissioned by December 2022 and the Water Corporation will provide updates to the community as the project progresses.

Photo caption: Shire of Broome chief executive officer Sam Mastrolembo and Councillor Chris Mitchell, with WA Water Minister Dave Kelly (centre).

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