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Desalination project on track for October start

Construction on the Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy Integrated Water Project is expected to start in October 2009 following a lengthy approvals process.

Gladstone Regional Council's Director of Infrastructure Services Ross Paroz said Council-appointed contractor United Utilities Australia (UUA) was in the process of obtaining two outstanding permits.

"Council and UUA have demonstrated extensive due diligence during the project's approvals phase to satisfy all approvals and to ensure the environment will be protected during construction," Mr Paroz said.

"Council does not anticipate any delays in obtaining these remaining permits and is looking forward to the start of construction in October."

The first part of the project will involve constructing a pipeline and sealed road from Springs Road to Chinaman's Beach at Agnes Water.

At completion, the project will deliver vital new infrastructure to the two townships including a desalination plant, sewerage treatment plant upgrade, water and sewerage reticulation and a reservoir to Seventeen Seventy.

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