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Council approves initial works for Integrated Water Project

Agnes Water residents and visitors will soon have daylight access to Chinaman's Beach via a new sealed road and car park following a decision today by Gladstone Regional Council to approve the work.

The road and car park are part of initial works proposed for Council's Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy Integrated Water Project, which will be managed by United Utilities Australia.

Council's Acting CEO Cale Dendle said construction of initial works was expected to begin in the New Year and take three months to complete.

He said every care would be taken during construction to ensure the marine and ecological values of Chinaman's Beach remain protected. To ensure public safety, the construction area will be clearly signed and fenced.

"As stipulated by the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), no work will be undertaken in the beach zone during the turtle nesting season from October to February," Mr Dendle said.

"The new road and car park will be located 100 metres from Chinaman's Beach and DERM has applied strict conditions of approval to ensure there is minimal impact to local flora and fauna.

"The road will connect to Springs Road, providing permanent daylight access to the beach for residents once construction activities are complete."

Mr Dendle said the Integrated Water Project was intended to deliver a reliable, long-term water and sewerage management solution to the Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy communities.

"The project will involve the construction of a desalination plant, sewerage treatment plant upgrade and water and sewerage reticulation to Seventeen Seventy residents," he said.

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