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Council approves potable water supply upgrade for Bororen

Following recent concerns by Bororen residents over the quality of township's water supply, Gladstone Regional Council today approved a \$390,000 upgrade to the existing scheme to bring it in line with Australian drinking water standards.

Infrastructure Services portfolio spokesperson Councillor Matt Burnett said the move towards a potable drinking supply for Bororen residents was based on consultants' findings which suggest the water supply to existing bores in the township is reliable.

"Council was also influenced by the community's expectations and those businesses who rely on quality water for their day-to-day operations," Cr Burnett said.

He said the preferred full treatment option would include upgrades to the existing treatment plant, bores, storage facility and provision of telemetry services to monitor the system. It is anticipated the upgrade will take six months to complete.

"Council is pleased to have been able to find a solution for the residents of Bororen to bring their water supply to a full potable standard," he said.

"This is certainly good news for Bororen and we thank residents for their patience during this comprehensive investigation phase.

"Council will continue with regular flushing of the existing supply until the new water supply comes in effect from July 1."

Cr Burnett said as a result of the upgrade Council would move to equalise charges between the Bororen and Miriam Vale water services.

"Currently, Bororen residents pay an annual access charge of \$182 and a consumption charge of \$2.05 per kilolitre. From July 1, these charges will increase to bring costs in line with Miriam Vale," he said.

"The current access charge for Miriam Vale is \$308 and a consumption charge of \$3.36 per kilolitre.

"This means there will be a cost increase to Bororen residents, but Council's belief is the rise will be marginal when considering the immense benefits that the community will receive from receiving potable water."

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Cr Burnett will be available to speak with Bororen residents on January 22 from 11am to 4pm at the Bororen Hall.

Alternatively, Bororen residents are invited to make an appointment to meet with Cr Burnett by phoning Council on 4976 6912.

MEDIA INFORMATION: For further information contact Council's Community Engagement Coordinator Davina Illing on 4976 6953.