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Agnes Integrated Water Project enters construction phase

Initial works have commenced today on constructing a sealed road and car park at Chinaman's Beach, Agnes Water, as part of the Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy Integrated Water Project.

Approved by Council in early December 2009, the car park and road will provide permanent daylight access to Chinaman's Beach from Springs Road once all construction phase activities are complete.

Council's Director of Infrastructure Services Ross Paroz said every care would be taken during construction to ensure the marine and ecological values of Chinaman's Beach remain protected.

"The new road and car park will be located 100 metres from Chinaman's Beach and Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) has applied strict conditions of approval to ensure there is minimal impact to local flora and fauna," he said.

"A botanist has reviewed the easement area and identified trees of significance to be retained. Extensive planting and landscaping will ensure the area is fully rehabilitated once construction is complete."

Mr Paroz said the provision of a sealed road to Chinaman's Beach would provide long-term environmental protection by reducing the level of impact created via the use of unformed access tracks.

"Construction of phase one of the road is expected to take three months to complete, however the car park will not be operational before 2011 so to as not disturb the turtle nesting seasons in 2010-2011.

"All work associated with the road easement and the car park will be carried out within the confines of the Environmental Management Plan as stipulated by DERM," Mr Paroz said.

Chinaman's Beach will remain open to the public during construction, however residents are advised to approach the area with caution and remain clear of the worksite.

Managed by United Utilities Australia, the Integrated Water Project is intended to deliver a reliable, long-term water and sewerage management solution to the Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy communities.

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

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