



Central Tablelands Water

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Funding for Caragabal Water Supply Study welcomed

Central Tablelands Water (CTW) has welcomed the recent funding confirmation by the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, of \$100,000 for the completion of a feasibility study into a reliable water supply to the Caragabal village and district. This funding commitment is part of the NSW Government's emergency response to the drought in regional and rural NSW.

The General Manager of CTW, Gavin Rhodes said, "for a number of years now the Caragabal community have been lobbying various levels of government for access to a reliable water supply. As the regional water supply authority for the Weddin Shire Council local government area, CTW has welcomed the opportunity of supporting the Caragabal community to undertake a feasibility study into potentially providing a reliable water supply."

Mr Rhodes said, "it has taken quite some time to secure government funding for this important study, however, with the support of the village's local member, Ms Steph Cooke MP, Weddin Shire Council, and the Caragabal community, it just goes to show that persistence, perseverance and patience does pay off."

The feasibility study will establish an appropriate longer-term water security option for the community of Caragabal and assess the community's willingness and capacity to pay for the preferred option.

A community meeting regarding the feasibility study planned for Thursday 19 March 2020 at the Caragabal Memorial Hall has been cancelled due to travel restrictions as a result of the COVID19 coronavirus. Another community meeting will be scheduled in due course and public notification provided accordingly.

CTW currently provides potable water to approximately 15,000 consumers in 14 towns and villages across the local government areas of Weddin, Blayney, Cabonne and Cowra.

The feasibility study is expected to be completed by the end of May 2020.

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