

Wastewater investigation update



Background

Over four years of engagement with us, Forrest community members have generously shared their insights and feedback on wastewater management options in their town.

We included plans to keep progressing the Forrest Wastewater project in our 2023-2028 Price Submission, which was submitted to the Essential Services Commission at the end of September.

This project proposes a whole-of-town wastewater solution, which upgrades/replaces existing onsite systems and includes an additional centralised system.

Further work to refine options and costs, understand funding avenues and regulatory and environmental approvals is required to progress the project.

Subject to the resolution of these items - and importantly, securing an affordable outcome for all - construction could commence later this decade.

Our 2023-2028 customer promise

Barwon Water remains committed to delivering this project in line with the community's vision and to support the prosperity of the town.

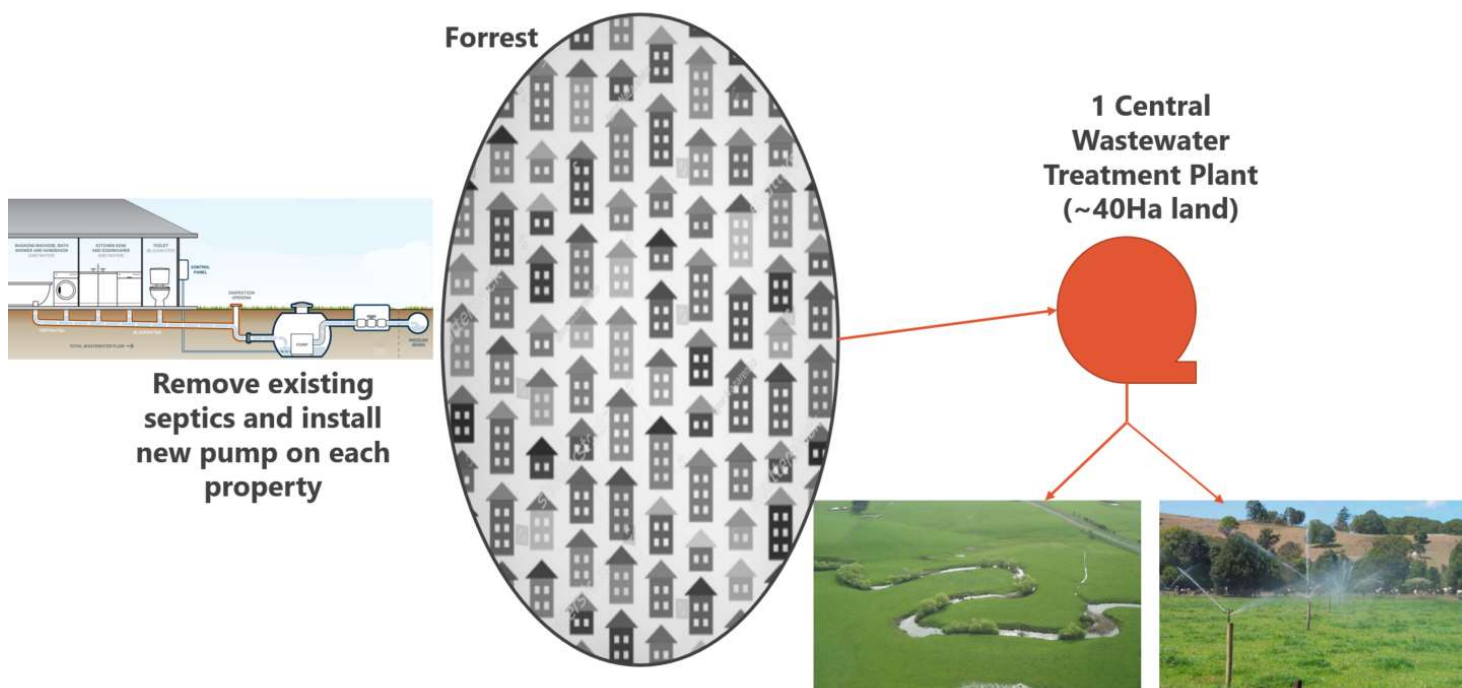
We are proposing to deliver the design and construction of a whole-of-town wastewater solution over the 2023-2028 price submission period.

The full cost of this project will not be passed on to customer bills until after 2028, once the final costs are confirmed. This is to ensure customers are not paying for the project until further certainty on the final option, cost and funding is known.

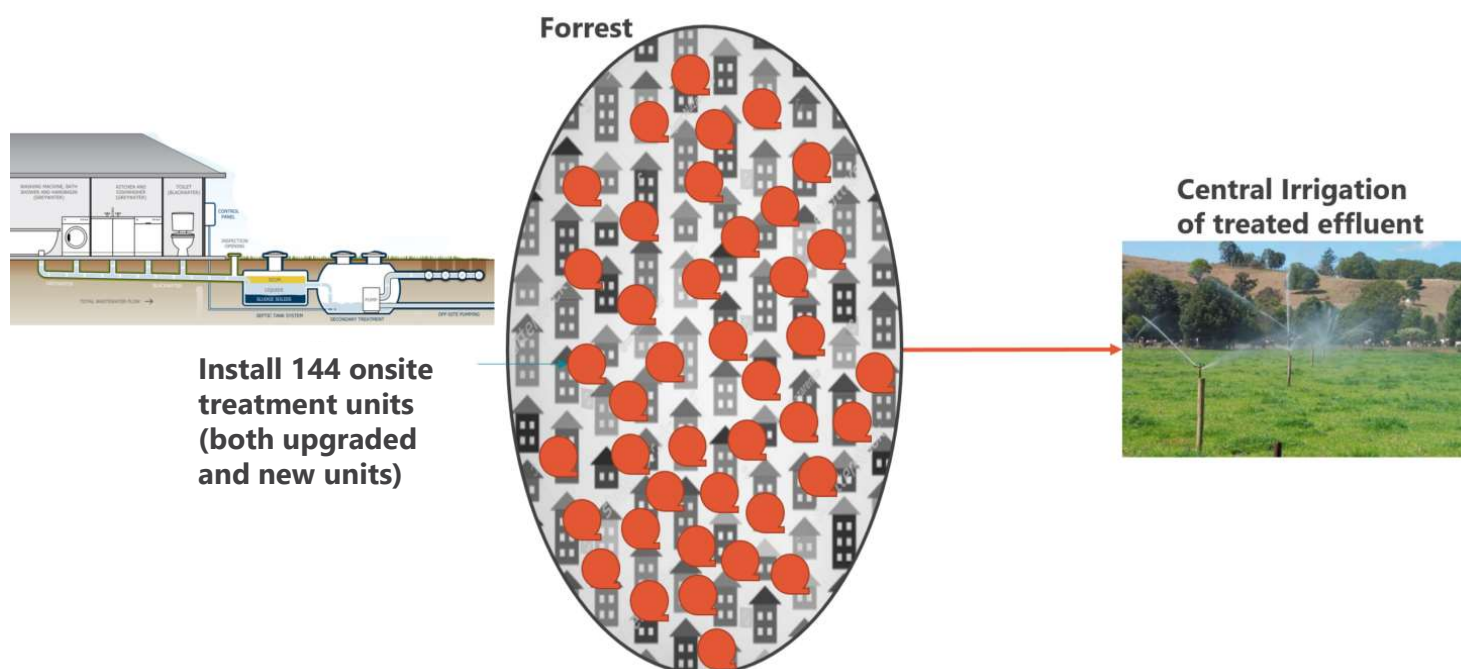


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Centralised onsite solution



Hybrid onsite solution – alternative option



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Next steps

