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Major construction set to start to improve the kanamaluka/Tamar estuary

As part of the Launceston City Deal, a major construction project at the Margaret Street Pump Station is set to get underway in an effort to substantially improve the health of the kanamaluka/Tamar estuary.

These works will have positive outcomes for the environment and the community and involve extensive underground construction with a new underground chamber to improve management of combined sewage and stormwater flows.

The project is one of several upgrade projects planned to reduce the volume and frequency of sewage and stormwater overflows to the kanamaluka/Tamar estuary as part of the Tamar Estuary River Health Action Plan (TERHAP). The plan to deal with one of the nation's oldest sewerage systems is supported by environmental science leading to modern engineering solutions.

The kanamaluka/Tamar estuary is an iconic part of the Tasmanian landscape. As the longest navigable estuary in Australia it is important for our way of life and the pride we want to put on our natural local assets.

TERHAP is an initiative of the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce and the Launceston City Deal, to improve the health of the Tamar and is jointly funded by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments, the City of Launceston and TasWater.

This project is a key part of a \$129.2 million plan for environmental improvements to the

kanamaluka/Tamar estuary. Our agreed partnership demonstrates the commitment to improve the Estuary for the benefit of residents, visitors and the ecology itself.

Measurable benefits to the kanamaluka/Tamar estuary include:

- targeting a 66 per cent reduction in combined sewage and stormwater overflow volumes in an average rainfall year; and
- reducing the presence of human waste-related bacteria concentrations in the Tamar Estuary Zone 1 in an average rainfall year by up to 36 per cent.

The \$4.6 million Margaret Street Pump Station project will be delivered by Tasmanian firm BridgePro Engineering and is expected to be completed in March 2023.