

Central Tablelands Water

Press Release

\$21.2 MILLION FOR CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER and ORANGE CITY COUNCIL JOINT WATER SECURITY PROJECT

The NSW Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Troy Grant and Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water Kevin Humphries joined Orange MP Andrew Gee on Sunday 8 February announcing that the joint potable water supply pipeline project between Central Tablelands Water (CTW) and Orange City Council had been successful in securing \$21.2 million of funding under the Restart NSW Water Security for Regions Program. The NSW Government has reserved \$366 million under the Water Security for Regions Program to help communities prepare for future drought conditions.

On the same day, the Ministers and MP also announced that Cranky Rock was the preferred site of the new dam on the Belubula River, subject to satisfactory completion of feasibility studies.

The Orange to Carcoar pipeline project is a joint project between CTW and Orange City Council. In fact 60% of the estimated project cost and funding is on CTW's water supply network.

The General Manager of CTW, Gavin Rhodes said "This latest funding announcement is not only great news for CTW but for the Central West as it's another step towards drought proofing the region. To receive this level of funding allows CTW to ensure that the new water supply infrastructure will be fit to meet the demands and growth of the future."

In relation to the new dam at Cranky Rock, Water Minister Kevin Humphries said this will allow Carcoar Dam to be networked into Central Tablelands Water and would allow CTW to extend the network and provide backup drought supplies and secure water to a number of towns beyond the current network.

Indeed, Minister for Local Government and State Member for Bathurst Mr Paul Toole foreshadowed this as a press release in October 2014 when he said:

"Central Tablelands Water is one of the most important potable water providers in this area. The State Government is committed to improving water security for agriculture and town water in the Lachlan Valley, and as part of this is currently investigating a suitable location for increased water storage on the Belubula River. Central Tablelands Water is an important stakeholder and will have a central role to play as these plans unfold."

The Chairman of CTW, Cr David Somervaille was also delighted with the recent water security announcements. "These two developments reinforce CTW's pivotal role in the future water storages, water treatment and networked distribution facilities in the Central West" Cr Somervaille said.