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New Beith reservoir work starts

Construction will start in January on a \$13 million, 20 megalitre reservoir that will increase water storage capacity for the growing residential areas of New Beith and Flagstone.

Allconnex Water CEO Kim Wood said the project is part of a plan to construct several water reservoirs in Logan's south-west corner to meet future growth.

“Logan City’s south-west region has been identified as a hub for future residential and industrial development in the State Government’s South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005 – 2026,” he said.

“Allconnex Water is increasing the existing water storage capacity in this area to meet current and forecast demand,” he said.

Minor works such as vegetation clearing and some earthworks started last month (November 2010) on the 1.3ha site of undeveloped land off New Beith Road.

Once the earthworks are complete in early 2011, the major works to construct the reservoir, access road and trunk main will commence. Project work will include major excavation, reservoir construction and pipe installation work using open trench construction methods.

Construction activities will take place along a section of New Beith Road between the New Beith Forest Estate and the reservoir site.

Mr Wood said every effort would be made to minimise disruption to the community and the environment during the construction period.

“All works will be undertaken in accordance with relevant safety, communication and environmental management plans,” he said.

All vegetation removal will be done in accordance with State Government requirements. Once each section of work is complete, the land profile will be reinstated and natural regeneration encouraged. Replanting or ecosystem rehabilitation will be undertaken off site to offset vegetation removal.

Temporary traffic changes will include partial lane closures and reduced speed limits along New Beith Road during construction.

Construction will generally occur between 6.30am and 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. To conduct particular activities, such as major concrete pours, some night works may be required. Affected residents will be notified prior to the commencement of any night works.

Work is expected to be completed in early 2012, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Mr Wood said there were no final details on the location of the other reservoirs planned for the area at this stage. Construction timing for these would depend on future population growth in the area and are expected to be some years away.

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