

# Aurukun Water Supply Improvement Project (AWSIP)

## What water infrastructure is being upgraded?

The raw water and water treatment plant infrastructure in Aurukun will be upgraded. This includes consideration of improving the chemical storage and dosing systems, new filtration, UV treatment and associated pipework and pumps. It also includes consideration of the installation of an upgraded instrumentation and control system known as SCADA, to monitor and control the treatment process. The existing steel water storage tank will be replaced to increase water supply to meet the future needs of the community.

## Why is this project needed for my community?

This project will provide your community with reliable access to clean water. The existing water infrastructure in Aurukun is old and in poor condition with limited treatment capability.

The upgrades will help:

- ✓ improve the quality of the water
- ✓ make operating the water treatment plant easier and more reliable
- ✓ give the community more confidence in the water supply
- ✓ provide training, skills development and Indigenous economic opportunities for the community.

## Being waterwise is easy and makes a difference

Here are some great tips for home and around the community:

- › Report any leaking taps or pipes to council.
- › Turn off taps.
- › Take shorter showers.
- › Re-use grey water from your bathroom or washing machine immediately on the garden (except vegetables).
- › When allowed, only water gardens in the early morning or evening.
- › Use a broom to sweep outdoor areas instead of hosing them down.
- › Use a bucket when washing your car, and try to wash it on the lawn.

## How is the project being funded?

This \$8 million project is funded by the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund as part of our commitment to the Queensland Government's Agreement on Closing the Gap.

## When will this project be completed?

Construction is expected to start mid-2026 and be completed by 2027.

## Will this project cause any interruptions to my water supply?

At this stage, there are no planned disruptions to the water supply. If there are any interruptions, we will minimise them and let you know immediately.

## How can I be involved in the project?

There are training and employment opportunities as well as Indigenous economic opportunities during construction. For more information contact [petrina.villaflor@dwatsipm.qld.gov.au](mailto:petrina.villaflor@dwatsipm.qld.gov.au)

## How can I find out more about the project?

If you need more information or want to discuss this project with someone from the department, contact the project team by emailing [engineering@dlgww.qld.gov.au](mailto:engineering@dlgww.qld.gov.au)

## Caring for Aurukun's water

Our drinking water in Aurukun comes from five shallow bores located close to homes and public areas. Bore water is pumped from underground to the Water Treatment Plant where it is cleaned and made safe to drink from our taps.

Bore water quality is directly affected by the environment above ground. We can all help to keep our water clean by looking after the land around our bores. Please keep the land free from rubbish, chemicals and other waste that can pollute our drinking water.



This project is a result of governments' commitment to Closing the Gap on water security. Scan the QR code or visit [www.dwatsipm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dwatsipm.qld.gov.au) and search 'closing the gap'.