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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **WATERNSW APPOINTED TO CONSTRUCT BROKEN HILL PIPELINE**

Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water, Niall Blair and Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries, today announced the appointment of WaterNSW to build, own and operate the 270km Murray to Broken Hill pipeline.

“This pipeline is part of the NSW Government’s \$500 million commitment to provide safe and secure water to Broken Hill once and for all – representing the largest regional water security investment ever made in NSW,” Mr Blair said.

Mr Blair said WaterNSW has a reputation for excellence and a long history of delivering large-scale water infrastructure projects on time and within budget.

“Appointing WaterNSW to build, own and operate the pipeline allows for greater continuity and oversight of the project, from the early design stages right through to construction and ongoing operation,” Mr Blair said.

WaterNSW will engage the market to get the best deal for the people of Broken Hill and NSW.

Mr Humphries said early project planning commenced previously by the NSW Government is well progressed, with geotechnical and survey work already complete, and cultural heritage consultation with local stakeholders continuing.

“This work, along with the extensive assessment process which the NSW Government used to select the pipeline out of 19 project options, puts WaterNSW on a solid footing to now deliver this flagship project for Broken Hill and surrounding communities,” Mr Humphries said.

WaterNSW will convene a Project Consultative Committee for the duration of the project and also report on progress of the project to Infrastructure NSW under the reporting framework for major infrastructure.

Pipeline construction is expected to begin next year and be completed by late 2018.

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