



**The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP**  
**Minister for Primary Industries**  
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**DENILIQVIN MOVES ON RECYCLING**

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson and Member for Murray-Darling John Williams today announced that the NSW Government will provide funding for the design and construction of the Deniliquin Effluent Re-use Scheme.

“I am pleased to confirm this funding through the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program, supporting the work of local councils to improve water and sewerage services throughout NSW,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“In moving to a system where the effluent is recycled through the use of treated water for irrigation, the upgraded Deniliquin Sewerage Scheme will protect public health and achieve long term sustainable agricultural and environmental outcomes.

Mr Williams welcomed the announcement saying it was a positive step toward better health and safety for the local community.

“The old sewerage system has the potential to not only cause problems for the environment, but to also affect the health and wellbeing of the 8,000 residents of Deniliquin,” Mr Williams said.

“Once the new scheme is operational, up to 100 per cent of the effluent will be available for re-use for a range of agricultural purposes.”

Katrina Hodgkinson said to date the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program has enabled the completion of more 460 water supply and sewerage projects, benefiting more than one million regional and rural residents.

“The NSW Government is committed to helping local councils and water authorities to deliver reliable, affordable and sustainable water supply and sewerage systems to NSW communities through its \$1.2 billion Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program.

The NSW Government’s financial assistance subsidy for this important project would be at the rate of 50 per cent.

More information on the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program is available on the NSW Office of Water’s website - [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)