

Portfolio Delivery Management Partner

May 2020

WaterNSW has developed a portfolio of infrastructure projects, including new storage dams and other critical water infrastructure, designed to improve water security and drought resilience. In May 2020, WaterNSW was pleased to partner with WaterSecure, a KBR-Aurecon joint venture, to manage planning and delivery of these large-scale works. Along with the knowledge and experience of WaterNSW, WaterSecure will provide additional expertise, technical sophistication and capacity to oversee the delivery of multiple major projects.

About the portfolio

WaterNSW is responsible for delivering a significant existing capital works program across the state as well as a major asset management program. The large portfolio of work is in addition to these existing works.

As a result of the need for accelerated construction of the additional portfolio of works, **WaterNSW is boosting its capacity and capability** to deliver the portfolio given its already large-scale responsibilities.

WaterNSW is continuing to engage with industry to alert the supply chain to ongoing opportunities to work with **WaterSecure**, a joint venture between **KBR and Aurecon**, who will partner with WaterNSW to manage planning and delivery of the portfolio.

New dams for NSW

Projects included in the first tranche of over **\$1 billion in new infrastructure** include dam building initiatives on a scale not seen in NSW in decades.

New and augmented dams include the recently announced dam projects at **Dungowan** (near Tamworth) and **Wyangala** (near Cowra), plus a final business case for a new dam on the **Mole River** near Tenterfield.

Projects in the portfolio

WaterNSW and WaterSecure will manage the development and delivery of **one of the largest investments in water supply infrastructure** in generations in NSW.

In future, the portfolio may be expanded to include a suite of programs in addition to the new dams, including:

- **New and upgraded weirs**
- **New pipeline infrastructure**
- **Regulator projects**

As well as the above, additional water projects to improve supply in Greater Sydney may be added to the scope of works.

Wyangala Dam wall



Local opportunities and jobs

WaterNSW and WaterSecure will work together to ensure a strong emphasis on the timely delivery of critical water infrastructure projects working closely with stakeholders and the community to **maximise local opportunities**.

Implementation of the portfolio of projects will mean a **significant boost to the economy** and local and regional opportunities.

WaterNSW is committed to ensuring there will be opportunities for **local employment and local businesses** in rural and regional areas near these large projects.

Wyangala Dam



The NSW Government and WaterNSW are seeking to expedite the portfolio of work with new measures designed to fast-track approvals for major projects in the portfolio under changes to the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

WaterSecure has been appointed following a highly competitive and rigorous tendering process designed to bring on board an organisation with the **capability and capacity to work with WaterNSW** to manage every stage of the major projects from start to finish while achieving value for money for the people of NSW.

WaterNSW has in recent years already constructed major new water security and drought relief projects and this new approach is a continuation of our successful work,

Successful projects include the Broken Hill pipeline and Chaffey pipeline. The new major projects to be managed by WaterNSW in partnership with WaterSecure will follow on from these as will further projects under development over the coming years.

Next steps

WaterNSW awarded the contract to **WaterSecure** for the Portfolio Delivery Management Partner in May 2020. **WaterSecure** will engage with WaterNSW immediately to facilitate the fast-tracked planning, design and delivery of critical projects within the portfolio.

WaterNSW thanks all organisations who participated in the procurement process. Notably, there will continue to be significant opportunities for industry, as it is intended that a number of panels for professional and specialist services will be set up by WaterNSW and **WaterSecure**.

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