Aura and Harmony Program

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To the Property Owner / Resident

Aura and Harmony Infrastructure Project
RE: Aura Water – Vegetation Removal Activities July 2023 – October 2023

Unitywater, together with our construction partner McConnell Dowell, is building essential water and wastewater infrastructure for the growing Aura and Harmony communities on the Sunshine Coast. With a projected population of 69,000 residents in Aura by 2056 and 21,000 residents in Harmony by 2036, this work will be vital in meeting the future demands of the communities, ensuring their long-term sustainability and development.

Work will soon commence on the Aura Water project to build a new water reservoir on the western side of the Bruce Highway and installing 12 kilometres of new water pipeline from the Ewen Maddock Water Treatment Plant to Aura in Caloundra South.

What we're doing:
We're undertaking site preparation and vegetation clearing works in specific locations along the alignment, where environmental approvals have been received.

The activities include:

- Inspecting trees for fauna (and safe relocation where required) prior to any vegetation removal
- Vegetation removal of identified tress by a team of arborists
- Mulching and wood chipping of suitable removed trees. We'll have supporting crews to assist as required.

Further information on the vegetation removal process can be found on the attached **Vegetation & Tree Removal FAQs**.

Where will these works take place?
Vegetation removal will take place within the construction zone in the following locations, with various reinstatement activities to follow:

- Steve Irwin Way (road reserve)
- Old Caloundra Road & Bellaboo Road
- Hapgood Road
- Mooloolah Valley Park - Soccer Field

How will this work affect you?
These works will require heavy plant, chainsaws, mulchers and chippers, trucks, light vehicles, and other construction machinery. You may experience a moderate increase of noise while we complete these works. Please reach out to the project team if you experience any concerns.

Delivery Partner

McConnell Dowell Pty Ltd

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July 2023

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Project overview:
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When will this happen?
The works will be carried out from **July to October, 7am – 5pm, Monday – Friday.**
Any changes to the above timeframes and hours communicated to you in advance.

We aim to move through the above areas as quickly and as safely as we can to minimise impacts to the local community. All works conducted will be weather and resource dependent. In the event of bad weather (or high winds) or problematic site conditions we may need to stop works and reconvene at a safer and more convenient time.

Please call us on **0492481235** or email **a&hcommunity@mcdgroup.com** if you have any questions about these works.

Stay informed
We'll send out regular updates to keep you informed of works that may affect you. To sign-up for email and SMS updates, please email **a&hcommunity@mcdgroup.com** and we will keep you updates as works progress.

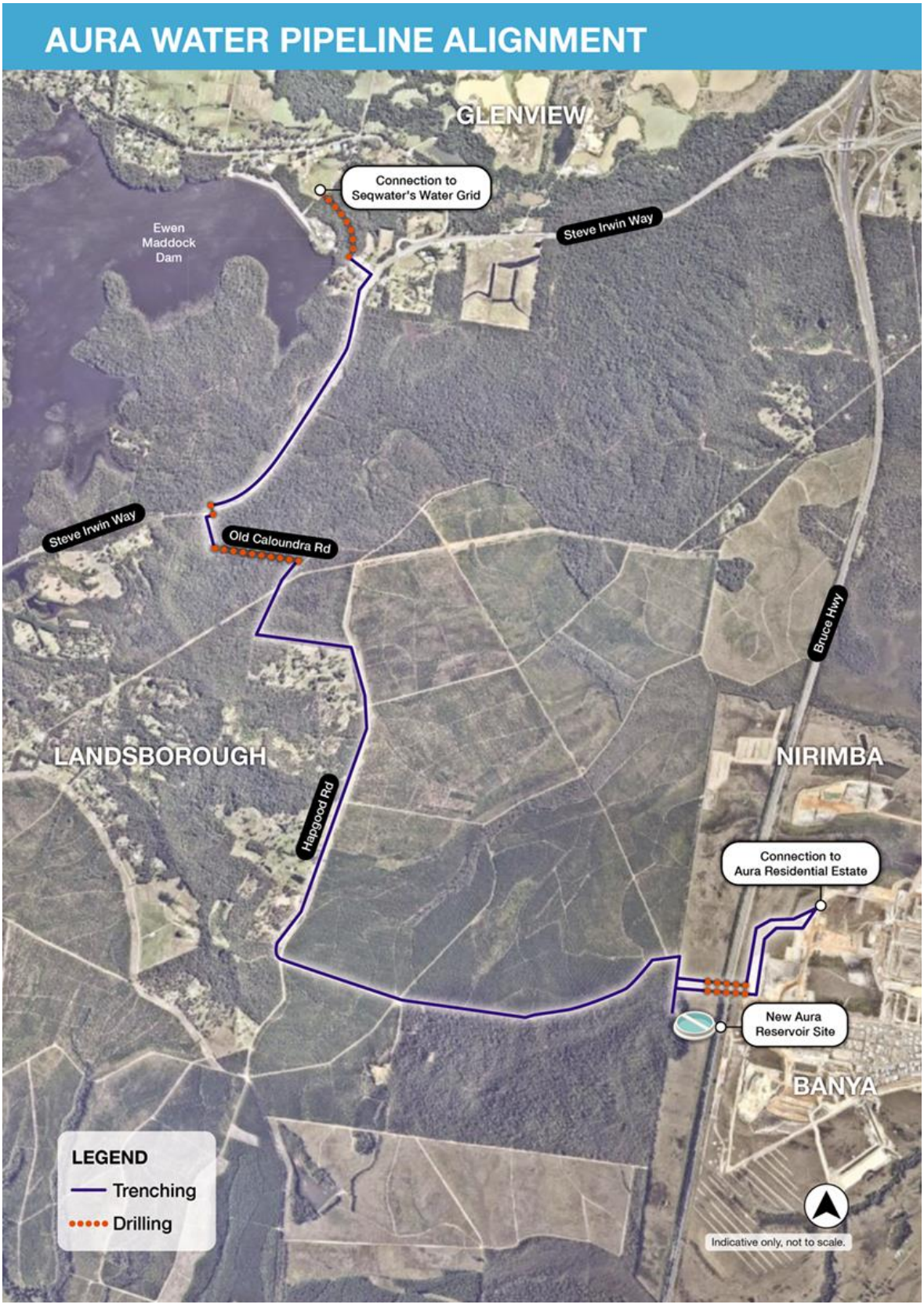
For more information about the Aura and Harmony Infrastructure Project**,** please visit Unitywater's dedicated Community Hub page, **communityhub.unitywater.com/aura-water-project**

Kind regards,

Aura and Harmony Infrastructure Program Team

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Vegetation & Tree Removal FAQs

How do you decide which vegetation to remove?
We're working hard to minimise vegetation removal where possible during the Aura Water Project.
We will be undertaking a pre-clearance survey with our ecologist and arborist. During this survey we will confirm, clearly identify and mark the vegetation to be removed. This minimises the time between tree marking and vegetation removal.

What kind of vegetation is being removed?
The project will be removing a variety of trees to make way for vital water infrastructure works. Arborists have identified that vegetation to be removed are a combination of trees that are dead, exotic, indigenous and native trees, weeds and grasses. All required approvals have been granted for the removal of this vegetation removal.

Does this include the removal of trees of cultural significance?
No culturally significant trees will be removed.

Will you remove any vegetation on my property?
We do not expect the need to access private property, all vegetation removal is planned to take place in road reserves or easements.

How will I know where the vegetation removal work is taking place?
We will clearly display signage and working area barriers to ensure the safety of the community during the vegetation removal. We anticipate the need to work in various sites along the Aura Water Project alignment.

What will happen to any local native animals?
Prior to removal, trees will be inspected for the presence of native animals, with a wildlife spotter on hand to safely remove and relocate any animals found.

What happens with removed trees and vegetation?
We understand the value the community places on the environment. Where possible, we aim to re-use suitable trees for fauna habitat.
Trees which are not suitable for any other purpose will be mulched and used for sediment control in the Aura Water construction zone.
In the event of excess mulch, we will work closely with local schools and community groups who may be interested in using available mulch for environmental and community projects.

Will there be any night works as part of vegetation removal work?
No, vegetation removal works will only take place during the day. Should there be any changes to this, we will notify you in advance.

What will you be doing to reduce the fire risk of activities, plant and equipment whilst out on site?
Our staff and chosen sub-contractors are experienced in vegetation removal works and we will ensure the appropriate health, safety and environmental plans and procedures are in place prior to the commencement of the vegetation removal works. This includes fire protection equipment on all machinery and water carts accompanying our work crews. We will not be burning wood as part of the vegetation removal works for the Aura Water Project.

Will you be notifying local emergency services of project impacts?
We will notify local emergency services of our works and ensure that all works notifications are distributed through the appropriate channels.