



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Council working with NSW Environmental Protection Authority regarding Belubula River water sampling**

Council has been working closely with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), for a number of months in relation to a wider ongoing water monitoring and sampling program focused on the Belubula River.

Specifically, Council has been liaising directly with the EPA in relation to the Blayney Waste Facility, which Council has owned and operated for approximately 100 years.

Council has recently constructed a new leachate collection system, recommended by specialist environmental consultants and in consultation with the EPA to minimise the risk of leachate leaving the Blayney Waste Facility site.

Council last week, applied to the EPA for a grant of \$250,000 to part fund the installation of further leachate treatment systems at the Blayney Waste Facility, which will include the treatment of PFAS.

Additional operational expenditure will be incurred for the ongoing operation of the new leachate collection and treatment systems, which Council will have to incorporate into the 2025/26 and future budgets. In this regard, Council highlights to the community kerbside collection fees and the waste levy will both likely have to rise to offset the additional operational costs.

“Council is working closely with the EPA to develop long term solutions regarding this emerging issue, and we hope the NSW Government will be supportive of our funding application,” Mayor Reynolds said.

Council as a matter of caution has also closed the Blayney Community Bore which is below the Blayney Waste Facility, as Council continues to monitor the situation with the EPA.

“While the Blayney Bore is now closed, the other village bores across the Shire remain open and accessible for use by registered keyholders.” Mayor Reynolds said.

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