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\$25 million sewer project to provide for another 100 years

Central Highlands Water (CHW) today announced the biggest upgrade to Ballarat's sewerage system since the original sewer was constructed almost 100 years ago.

Construction of the \$25 million *Ballarat Sewer Build* will commence with Stage 1 next month. The project will see approximately 6km of sewer pipeline installed parallel to the current sewer, which is nearing its capacity.

Constructed in three stages, the new pipeline will run from Ballarat East, through the central business district, to Ballarat South. Once completed, it will safely collect and remove Ballarat's wastewater for another 100 years.

CHW's Managing Director Paul O'Donohue acknowledged the project's significance.

"This essential community infrastructure project is part of CHW's regional investment and will cater for the growing demands of Ballarat for another 100 years," Mr O'Donohue said.

"It builds on the accomplishment of those before us, who built Ballarat's first sewerage system, which was the best in the Commonwealth at the time, but is nearing its capacity.

"Since the original project, Ballarat's population has grown from 22,000 to 117,000 and although the original works have performed beyond expectations, we are now building to service the next generations.

"At CHW, we see this project as a continuation of this legacy - ensuring we provide long-lasting infrastructure to protect our community and environmental health into the future," he said.

Ballarat Sewer Build is just one critical infrastructure project in CHW's capital works program, catering for the long-term growth and development of the Central Highlands region.

For more information on the *Ballarat Sewer Build*, please visit www.chw.net.au/sewerbuild

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