



Media Release

Date: 9th December 2011

Re: Waratah Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Cradle Mountain Water is pleased to announce that it has commenced work on a \$1.65 million project to upgrade the Waratah Water Treatment Plant.

“The quality of treated water provided to customers in Waratah has been variable over time. Due to the fairly basic nature of the treatment process it is occasionally very dirty and also subject to boiled water alerts,” CEO Andrew Kneebone said.

“This new treatment plant will bring the quality of the water supplied to the Waratah community up to the same standards as the rest of the North West Coast. The new treatment plant will filter the water through a membrane to remove impurities before it is chlorinated and pumped to a new reservoir. The new reservoir will hold at least two and a half days supply (of average demand),” he said.

“One of the key reasons that Cradle Mountain Water was formed was to address water quality issues such as the ones currently experienced in Waratah. We are aiming to ensure that all those towns with existing water supplies that currently do not consistently meet the Australian Drinking Water Quality requirements are brought up to standard,” he said.

A tender for the project has been let to Ace Water Services for \$1.65m. The project will be funded 100% by Cradle Mountain Water.

“The project is currently in the design phase and off-site work on the fabrication is due to commence this month, with on-site fabrication due to occur from January through to May. It is anticipated, at this stage, that the plant will be ready for commissioning by June 2012,” he said.

Cradle Mountain Water’s Chief Operating Officer Doug Doherty and Project Manager Scott Thow recently briefed the Waratah Wynyard Council on the project.

A community information session is being held in Waratah on Monday 19th December at the Council Chambers, Smith Street from 3.30pm until 5.00pm, for those residents who would like to learn more about the treatment plant upgrade.

“This project is another example of Cradle Mountain Water’s commitment to delivering on the objectives of the water and sewerage industry reform,” he said.