



Media release

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HEB Construction to build \$27.8m treatment plant

HEB Construction has been awarded the tender to build the Pines II Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$27.8million.

Part of the Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme, the treatment plant construction plans were brought forward last year so the Selwyn District Council could make provisions for extra homes in Selwyn as a result of the earthquakes.

Construction of the plant is due to start on Monday 16 January. The Pines will ultimately have capacity to service the growth anticipated by the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) up to 2041, for urban expansion planned in Prebbleton, Lincoln, Rolleston and West Melton, and will also service Springston.

The UDS and Council forecasts have suggested there will be substantial growth in these areas. Currently Prebbleton and Lincoln effluent is pumped to Christchurch City and in normal times would be treated at the Bromley plant.

The state of the art Pines plant includes sludge-drying facilities and will irrigate to pasture via a series of low profile irrigators. The pasture will in turn be harvested for use as animal food.

Council Chief Executive Paul Davey says the new plant will provide a number of advantages.

“Early access to sewerage will be provided to potential section owners and house builders and the equivalent of 4000 Selwyn households will be taken off the stressed Christchurch city system,” he says.

At an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 21 December, the Council also adopted a revised Development Contribution Policy and dollar value for contributions towards the Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme.

The new contributions backdated to 1 July 2011 are \$14,368 per section in new subdivisions.

The new policy followed a special consultative procedure which included councillors forming a working party with land developers to consider submissions and discuss the way forward.

The entire scheme is estimated to cost \$80.7million between 2011 and 2041.

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