



# DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL WELCOMES \$30 MILLION DROUGHT FUNDING COMMITMENT

Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields welcomes the announcement from the State Government to invest \$30 million to plan the expansion of the local underground water supply.

Councillor Shields said this significant announcement for the city is extremely timely.

“Dubbo Regional Council has recently began its long term water security strategy following Clr Gumley’s notice of Motion at last month’s Council Meeting.

“There’s no question our underground water supply is going to be crucial in getting us through one of the worst droughts on record and this funding will help to turn the plans into reality across the next two years,” said Clr Shields.

“Dubbo’s current water supply is made up of 70% river water and 30% bore water split which may change due to the worsening conditions of the drought, making this investment into underground water very appropriate,” Clr Shields said.

The \$30million Dubbo project will be rolled out in two years with the funding becoming available from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

Member for the Dubbo electorate Dugald Saunders said it’s important we find other sources of water to ensure the security of the expanding population.

“This is real money being invested into future proofing our water supply for our growing city while reducing our reliance on the Macquarie River,” Member for the Dubbo electorate Dugald Saunders said.

“Dubbo Regional Council is extremely proactive in the space of water security and I commend their efforts so far. This funding is a collaborative approach as we work with the local Council to secure the water supply for years to come,” Mr Saunders said.

For more information about Dubbo’s Drought Management Plan visit [www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au)

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