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Council's Water Treatment Plant upgrade minimises environmental impact

In a significant step towards reducing the environmental impact of its water and sewerage services, Rockhampton Regional Council is upgrading the Glenmore Water Treatment Plant to strengthen its control over the quality of water discharged from the plant.

Chair of Council's Water Committee, Cr Greg Belz said Fitzroy River Water has called for tenders for the redevelopment and upgrade of the Glenmore Water Treatment Plant Sludge Lagoons.

Cr Belz said this will be a significant environmental step forward to improve the control over the quality of process waters released to the Fitzroy River.

"The upgraded lagoons will be designed to capture all solids generated through the treatment of the raw river water," Cr Belz said.

"Most of the solids are fine sediments that are naturally present in the raw untreated river water, which will be physically separated from the process waters in the lagoons to allow return of the waters to the river.

"Water will only be returned to the river if it meets very strict quality standards," he said.

Cr Belz said this upgrade would enable Fitzroy River Water to minimise any impact that the Glenmore Water Treatment Plant has on river water quality above the barrage.

"This upgrade is part of Fitzroy River Water's ongoing commitment to increase efficiencies, reduce costs and responsibly minimise our environmental footprint," Cr Belz said.

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