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Council to consider opportunities for recycled water

Rockhampton Regional Council's Water Committee today recommended Council seek Expressions of Interest for the use of recycled water from South Rockhampton Sewerage Treatment Plant (SRSTP).

Water Committee Chair, Cr Greg Belz said he was proud of Fitzroy River Water's efforts to reduce its environmental impact.

Cr Belz said the time is now right to call for Expressions of Interest to reaffirm the interest in the use of recycled water so a viable scheme could be developed.

This matter will go before the full Council Meeting for consideration on Tuesday 23 February 2010.

"A recycled water scheme in the vicinity of SRSTP was identified in 2007 as having the potential to provide good long-term economic and environmental outcomes," Cr Belz said.

"The renewed interest from agriculturalists coupled with the longer term proposal to divert the flows of West Rockhampton Sewerage Treatment Plant to SRSTP, makes serious examination worthwhile," he said.

Cr Belz said Fitzroy River Water was exploring opportunities for using treated effluent as a resource and was committed to minimising environmental impact.

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