



MEDIA RELEASE

Donald Weir Pool Project Update

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Donald Weir Pool project works are continuing with the installation of two groundwater monitoring bores. The bores, located at the Buloke Shire depot and near the Donald Weir, were installed last week by Watson Drilling.

These newly constructed bores will complement a number of existing bores located around Donald that were recommissioned earlier in the year. These will be monitored to assess the effect, if any, of water in the weir pool on the surrounding groundwater levels. This will help identify any adverse effects the project may have on the environment.

Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) hydrologist Peter Hekmeijer helped identify bore locations and supervised the drilling. DEDJTR will continue to provide advice to the Shire through the monitoring period.

The \$172,000 funding for the overall project was provided by the Department of Land, Environment, Water and Planning through the Drought Response Package earlier this year.

In addition, works have been completed connecting the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline to fill the weir pool.

However works on repairing the weir and installing an outlet into the river have been delayed due to the amount of water in the river after recent rain. These works are expected to be completed in the first half of 2017.

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