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Cardno appointed to help deliver Queensland water fluoridation project

Professional infrastructure services company Cardno and engineering and planning consultancy Beca have been appointed by the Queensland Government to help manage the Queensland water fluoridation project across regional Queensland.

Cardno and Beca have been engaged to liaise with regional councils (public potable water suppliers) to coordinate the installation of equipment required to upgrade existing water treatment plants to enable fluoride to be added to the water in a timely, safe and cost effective manner.

The Cardno and Beca team will also establish a network of suppliers that will provide the professional services, plant, equipment and chemicals necessary for the installation of fluoridation plants throughout regional Queensland.

Managing Director of Cardno, Andrew Buckley, said the company was pleased to be involved in such a significant Queensland infrastructure project.

“Cardno is experienced in working with councils and governments in delivering major infrastructure in Queensland,” said Mr Buckley.

“We are currently working with the Queensland Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation and the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to deliver water infrastructure to many of Queensland’s remote indigenous communities.

“This successful program recently received a 12 month extension and as a result several additional communities will receive upgrades to their water supply. Upgrades include new reservoirs and water reticulation, improvements to water treatment plants as well as operator training programs.”

Cardno’s extensive experience in water and wastewater infrastructure was a key reason for the company’s appointment to the Queensland water fluoridation project.

Cardno and Beca will oversee the progressive introduction of fluoride to regional Queensland water treatment plants from early 2009. The project is due to be completed statewide by 31 December 2012.

The roll-out will initially focus on major regional centres, moving through to other regional and rural areas in subsequent years.

Mr Buckley said Cardno and Beca will provide a strong combination of program management and process specialists to undertake the project and work closely with the Government.

“Members of the team have been involved in the design, review and auditing of water treatment plants throughout Australia and overseas. This experience, combined with the use of dedicated project resources and systems focused on managing the project, will help ensure it is delivered on time,” said Mr Buckley.

Brisbane-based Cardno is an international professional services provider which has played a substantial role in delivering a diverse range of engineering and infrastructure projects worldwide.

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