

\$12.5 contract awarded for pipe at Lansdown Eco-**Industrial Precinct**

The contract for a key infrastructure pipeline has been awarded. See what it means for this advanced manufacturing precinct.



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Iplex Pipelines has been awarded the contract. Picture: Shae Beplate.

Iplex Pipelines has been awarded a contract to supply 16.25km of 900mm diameter pipe that will provide the raw water needed for an advanced manufacturing precinct at Lansdown.

The precinct, near Woodstock about 40km south of Townsville, is being developed by Townsville City Council with funding from the state and federal governments.

Several proponents need access to water for projects including Queensland Pacific Metals' \$2.1bn Townsville Energy Chemicals Hub and Edify Energy's green hydrogen

development.

The pipeline will connect with an existing 900mm water supply pipeline at Major Creek.

According to Townsville City Council's <u>website</u>, the forecast value of the contract is \$12.5m.

A second tender to install the pipe, upgrade the Haughton pump station and construct a storage dam, pump station and reticulation pipework at Lansdown is being advertised at present.

In a statement, Infrastructure Services Committee chair Kurt Rehbein said Iplex had demonstrated the best value for money and had experience delivering large diameter pipe with their work on the Haughton Pipeline Duplication project.

That project is duplicating an existing pipeline which sources water for Townsville's urban water supply from the Burdekin Falls Dam.

Cr Rehbein said the construction of the pipeline to the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct would allow early proponents to access raw water by December 2024.

"The raw water pipeline project is part of enabling infrastructure works at the Lansdown site," Cr Rehbein said.

"These works complement the Albanese Governments' recent commitment to a hydrogen hub for North Queensland and supports council's vision to position Townsville as a leader in advanced manufacturing and as a hydrogen and renewable energy hub, creating significant jobs for the region," Cr Rehbein said.

"Each tender and milestone for the Lansdown project is significant towards our goal of growing Townsville and bringing us one step closer to becoming Northern Australia's foremost eco-industrial precinct for advanced manufacturing, processing, technology and emerging industries."

The Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct is jointly funded by the federal and state governments in association with Townsville City Council.

For more information about the Lansdown precinct, visit www.townsville.qld.gov.au/lansdown.