



Media Release

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Cromwell Water Supply – Manganese Issue

An alternative source of water that is free of manganese has been found for the Cromwell town water supply. It has taken over a month of testing drilling before a suitable site was located.

The elevated manganese levels have been the source of the blackish red water complaints experienced by some consumers over the last few years.

Council's Utility Service Manager, Peter Greenwood said "The good thing about this new bore it will also produce softer water than the current bore, which means a reduction in lime build-up."

Before construction can proceed, Council is required to seek approval from Land Information New Zealand to install the necessary infrastructure and the Otago Regional Council to construct a new production bore.

Construction of the new bore will commence as soon as the approvals are received.

It is anticipated that this will be in February 2010 and new bore to be operational by autumn.

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