

Huge tanks hit the road

IT WAS one of the largest road operations in Queensland history.

Two 20-tonne tanks yesterday made a painstaking journey from a factory to a Bundamba water treatment plant.

They were so large that power lines, trees and even a railway line needed to be ripped up to allow them to pass.

Accompanied by a convoy of government officials, police and Energex workers, the tanks took 20 hours to arrive at their destination.

The Bundamba Advanced Water Treatment plant is one of three being constructed as part of the \$2.4 billion Western Corridor Recycled Water Project.

Premier Peter Beattie said a team of 40 had worked around the clock to ensure the tanks arrived

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safely. "The sheer size of the tanks and scale of the delivery operation shows the challenges we're facing and the successes we're recording on the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project," he said.

"It demonstrates the commitment of the construction team to delivering a critical part of South-East Queensland's water grid on time."

Deputy Premier and Infrastructure Minister Anna Bligh said the "intricate logistical operation" had taken a lot of planning.

"This really is a special delivery," she said.

"These tanks are right on the maximum weight that can be moved on Australian roads and the

convoy moves at a snail's pace — about 1km an hour."

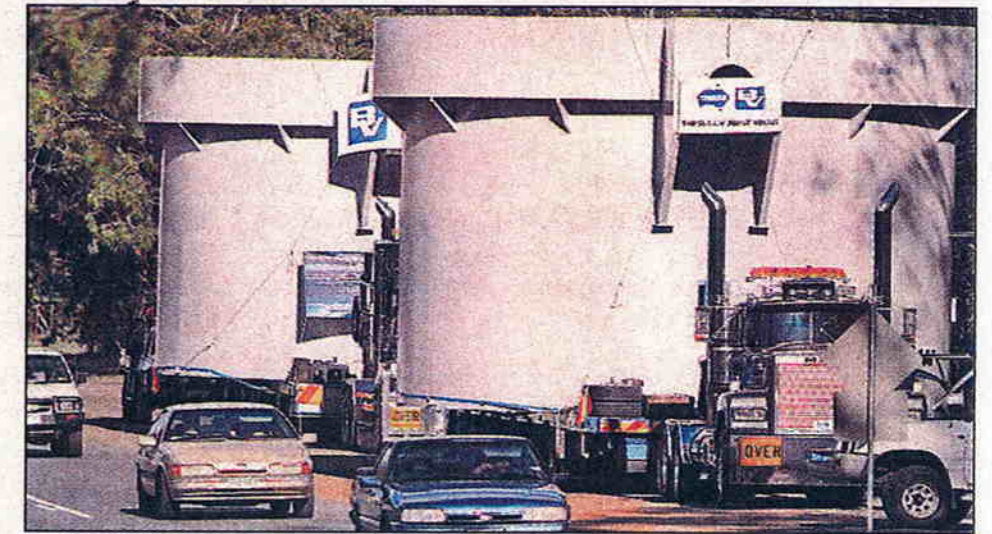
The journey was done in two stages, and most of the 20km was covered at night.

The tanks, known as clarifiers, will be used to remove solids from wastewater, and are the final waste process units to be delivered to the Bundamba site.

Both are 8m wide, 12m long and 6m high, and were transported on "purpose-built" trailers.

The Western Corridor Recycled Water Project also involves the construction of 200km of underground pipeline.

It is the backbone of the State Government's \$9 billion Water Grid — the largest urban drought response in Australia's history.



EASY DOES IT: The 20km journey took 20 hours to complete