



# Developer tanks to help Kirra

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**MASSIVE** water tanks will be installed at a private development at Kirra to maintain the foreshore it overlooks.

It is believed to be the first time a private residential apartment developer has provided such a significant piece of water infrastructure in Australia.

Construction has begun on the Elysee Residences project, which will install a 375,000-litre water tank on-site as well as a 150,000-litre tank across the road.

The tank under the building will store run-off from the roof and the water will be used to flush all toilets in the 24-apartment block.

Across the road, hundreds of thousands of litres of water will be harvested and retained annually for ongoing irrigation and the beautification of the Kirra foreshore.

Gold Coast City Council is spending more than \$20 million on the redevelopment of the foreshore from Bilinga to Greenmount.

Steve Reynoldson, a spokesman for Reward

Developments Australia which is building Elysee Residences, said two years had been spent examining ways to minimise water and energy consumption.

"There's no point in spending all this money on the foreshore if it's just going to brown off," he said.

"The other thing we're trying to achieve is that we won't be the only development that does this, so we're trying to make it bulletproof.

"In a couple of years' time this will be the norm.

"We as a community have to collect as much water as we possibly can and use it for smart reasons."

Councillor Chris Robbins said Kirra was one of the Coast's undiscovered joys.

"The provision of a tank to irrigate the Kirra foreshore is an unprecedented initiative between council and a private entity that will ensure the future proofing of a vital asset at a time when Australia is in the midst of a major water crisis," she said.

The Elysee Residences project is expected to be completed in June or July next year.