

Project Newsletter

Broadford Water Supply Pipeline

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As mentioned in the October Project Newsletter the Corporation will be constructing a pumping station on the Goulburn River near Tallarook and a pipeline connecting the pump station to the Broadford water treatment plant. This project will ensure the security of water supply for Broadford and will increase the security in the Sunday Creek System. The estimated capital cost of the entire project is \$15.2 million.

Goulburn Valley Water has received the majority of the necessary planning approvals, which enabled the Corporation's Board to approve the following contracts for this project.

Pipeline Supply Contract

This contract has been awarded to Tyco and involves the supply of approximately 20.3 kms of 450 dia pipe and 2.4km of 600 dia pipe. The pipes will be supplied over the next two months.

Valves & Fittings

Iplex has been awarded the valves and fittings supply contract. Delivery of fittings has commenced and will continue over the next two months.

Pipeline Construction

The construction of the pipeline has been awarded to DigRite Excavations. It is anticipated that construction of the pipeline will commence in early to mid June and be completed in November.

Pump Station Construction

Leed Engineering and Construction has been awarded the contract for the pump station construction. It is anticipated that the construction of the pump station will commence in mid June and be completed in November.

The timing of these contracts is dependent on weather conditions. If we receive a lot of winter rain then there may be some delays. If there are inclement weather delays let's hope that there is a lot of rain, resulting in the filling of Sunday Creek Reservoir.

Pipeline Route

Wherever possible the pipeline route follows the GasNet pipeline to Broadford. This alignment was selected as the route as it is cleared of vegetation and the pipeline can be located within the GasNet easement, to minimise the impact on landowners.

The pipeline route through the Broadford township is along existing water main easements and will reduce the construction impact on the Broadford community.

Impacted Landowners

Where possible the pipeline has been located within crown land such as rail and road reserves. However, some sections of these reserves are heavily vegetated which will require the pipeline to be located within private property.

The Corporation and consultants are continuing to liaise with landowners who are impacted by this pipeline.

To assist landowners the Corporation has engaged an agronomist to advise on pasture reinstatement.

Tree Removal

The pipeline alignment has been selected to minimise tree removal. However, it will be necessary to remove some trees. The Corporation is working with DSE and will fully offset these trees at the Broadford wastewater management facility.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the pipeline being built?

The current Sunday Creek water supply system does not have sufficient capacity for the growth of the region. The pipeline will provide an additional water supply source which will be sufficient for the growth of the region over the next 25 years.

Will this require water to be purchased from local farmers?

No. The water that will be sourced from the Goulburn River will be part of Goulburn Valley Water's current urban entitlement from the Goulburn System.

Will this project stop water restrictions?

The purpose of this project is to ensure that there is sufficient water for the community over the next 25 years. This means that during a normal summer period water restrictions should not be required. However, in periods of drought water restrictions may still be required.

Will the quality of our water change?

The raw water source will be different. However, the treatment process will be exactly the same and the water quality will comply with the *Safe Water Drinking Act 2003*.

Will my water fees increase due to this pipeline?

The project is part of the Corporation's 20 year capital works program which is funded from the revenue stream from the entire customer base of Goulburn Valley Water. Thus the costs of the project have been included in the Corporation's charges which are determined by the Essential Services Commission.

Will the pipeline be above or below ground?

The pipeline will be below ground along the entire route.

Community Engagement

To date the community engagement process has included written correspondence and personal contact with affected landowners along the pipeline route.

The Broadford community has been kept informed of progress via newsletters and the wider community has been kept informed via articles in the local papers.

The project has been mentioned in articles in relation to GVW2055, the Corporation's Water Plan 2008-2013, GVW News (customer newsletter) and media articles in the Kilmore newspapers.

Project Timeline

The current timeline for the project is:

Pipe Supply

Start mid May 08

Complete mid July 08

Construction of Pump Station

Start mid June 08

Complete late October 08

Construction Pipeline

Start mid June 08

Complete mid November 08

Testing & Commissioning

Start mid November 08

Complete late November 08

Switching Broadford's water supply to the pipeline

1 December 2008

Please note that the above timeline is dependent on weather conditions.

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