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SOUTH GIPPSLAND GRID CONNECTION CONTRACTS SIGNED

The Andrews Labor Government is connecting four towns to the state's water grid for the first time, and has awarded contracts to build the pipelines and pump stations needed.

Minister for Water Lisa Neville today announced the signing of contracts for the \$43 million Lance Creek Water Connection project, following a thorough tender process.

The project will link the Wonthaggi Desalination Plant to South Gippsland towns, which have faced water restrictions in recent years.

The project will connect Korumburra, Nyora, Loch and Poowong to Victoria's water grid, providing water security and quality water in South Gippsland.

Companies successful in winning contracts are:

- Jado Construction Pty Ltd, which will build the pipeline from Lance Creek to Korumburra, and Korumburra to Poowong
- Simpson Construction Pty Ltd, which will build the pump stations and dosing facilities
- Steel Mains Pty Ltd and Iplex Pipelines Pty Ltd, which will supply materials and components for pipeline construction

The Lance Creek Water Connection incorporates existing infrastructure that connects to the Wonthaggi Desalination Plant pipeline, so that water can be sent from Melbourne's Cardinia Reservoir to the Lance Creek water treatment plant via the pipeline.

The Labor Government is contributing \$30 million to the project, which will significantly reduce the likelihood of future water restrictions for towns like Korumburra, and improve drinking water quality.

Water security will encourage local investment by local food processing businesses such as Burra Foods and GBP Exports, who employ about 350 locals.

The pipeline and pump station work will begin later this year.

Quote attributable to Minister for Water Lisa Neville

"Providing access to Melbourne's water system will give local businesses confidence in their water supply and the security they need to continue investing in the region."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

"These communities have been doing it tough with water restrictions in the past. That's why we're investing in this project – to deliver the water security these towns need."