

Community Update

JULY 2017



The Lance Creek Water Connection will secure the water supply needs of Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora over the next 50 years.

The project connects these townships with South Gippsland Water's largest reservoir, Lance Creek, which is also connected to the Melbourne Water Supply System, including the Wonthaggi Desalination Plant and Cardinia Reservoir.

The combination of these systems will secure water supply for the area and provide a dependable environment for community development, economic growth and future investment within the region.

Progress/Milestones

The region's most significant water security project is on schedule, with alignment planning firmed-up, easement acquisition progressing, and contracts for construction awarded.

Announcement – Awarding of Contracts

Following a thorough tender evaluation process, Minister for Water Lisa Neville announced the contracts for the Lance Creek Water Connection project on 12 July 2017. Contracts have been awarded to several Victorian companies to build the pipelines and pump stations needed to connect four south Gippsland towns to the state's water grid for the first time.

Pipeline construction from Lance Creek to Korumburra and Korumburra to Poowong will be carried out by dedicated water infrastructure construction company, **Jaydo Construction Pty Ltd**.

Pump stations and dosing facilities will be constructed by **Simpson Construction Pty Ltd**. Simpson Construction have previously done works on the Lance Creek Water Treatment Plant, so bring to the project a wealth of existing knowledge.

Steel Mains Pty Ltd based in Somerton and **Iplex Pipelines Pty Ltd** based in Reservoir were successful in tendering for the supply of materials and components for pipeline construction. Both companies are Australian based manufacturers with long histories supplying the water industry.

South Gippsland Water congratulates the successful tenderers and looks forward to a productive partnership in delivering this important Victorian Government water security project for the region.

Easement Acquisition

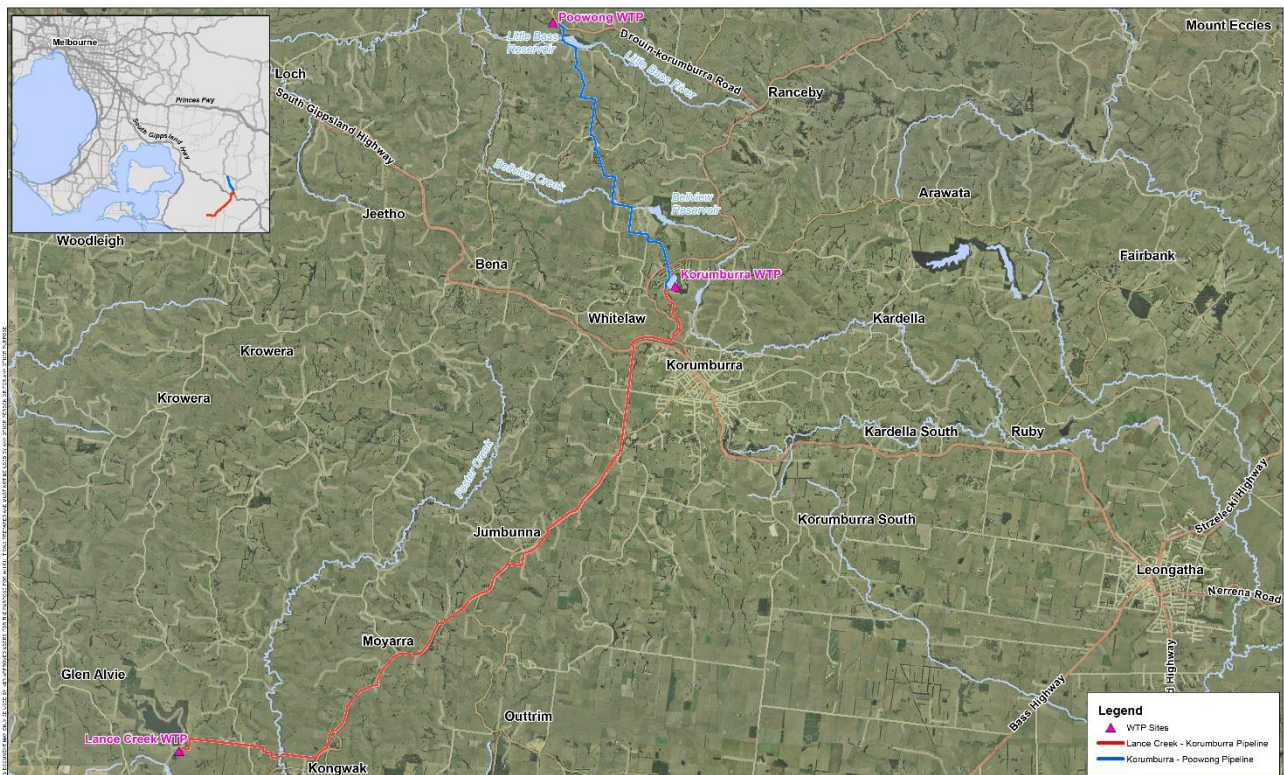
The project team has been in contact with affected land owners to discuss the easement acquisition and compensation process. This has provided an opportunity for negotiations to be progressed, questions answered and has also allowed the team to hear directly from individual land owners about their concerns and preferences.

Notices of Acquisition were published in the Victorian Government Gazette on 8 June 2017 in accordance with the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*.

Timing

Due to the nature of the pipeline, distance and terrain, pump stations will be built at the Lance Creek and Korumburra Water Treatment Plants, with construction scheduled to begin in October 2017. Some preliminary pipeline work will commence shortly, with pipeline construction on private property scheduled to begin late this year. Current estimates indicate the project will be completed around February 2019.

Pipeline Alignment Map



Project Team and Project Support

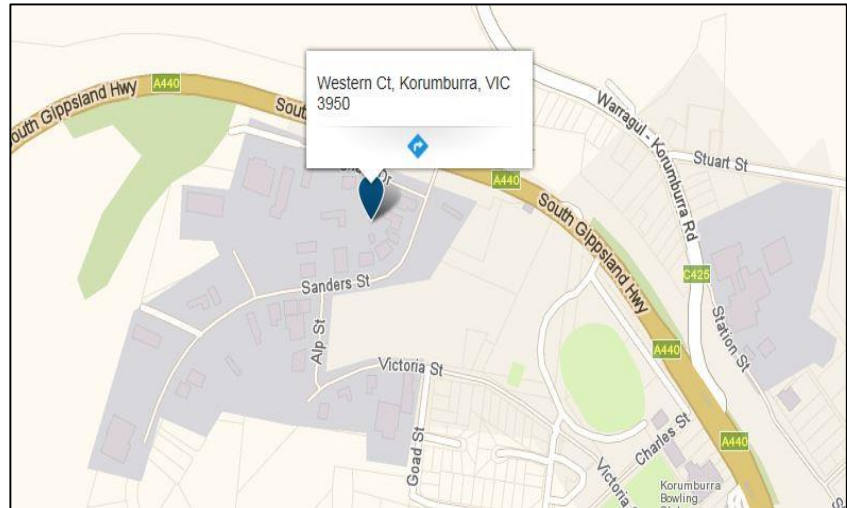
The establishment of the project has enabled South Gippsland Water to employ seven staff as part of the project team. It is estimated that around 45 jobs will be directly associated with the Lance Creek Water Connection through the engagement of staff, consultants and contractors in the planning, construction and rehabilitation phases of the project.

The Lance Creek Water Connection will deliver confidence in water security, which has underpinned continued investment by food processing businesses such as Burra Foods and GBP Exports who employ about 350 people in the region.

SGW's Project Office

The project team values the assistance many land owners provide to the project and recognises the importance of on-going communication as the project moves closer to the construction stage.

Staff are now centrally located at **2 Western Court Korumburra**. Call **1300 851 636** to contact the project team.



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Chris Hindle – Project Engineer (Pipeline)	Nathan Lucas – Project Engineer (Pipelines)
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Kathy Thompson – Cost Controller	Vanessa Facey* – Easement Acquisition & Comms

** based at SGW's Foster office*

Further Community Information

<p>FACT SHEETS & UPDATES</p> <p>Visit www.sgwater.com.au for more information about the project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Updates 2017 – July, March • Community Updates 2016 – October, August • Frequently Asked Questions • Pipeline Alignment and Construction • Project Background 	<p>MEDIA RELEASES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarding of Contracts for Lance Creek Water Connection Project • South Gippsland Grid Connection Contracts Signed • Water Connection On Track • National Water Week – Lance Creek Open Day • Connecting With Landholders About Water Security • First Steps Towards the Lance Creek Water Connection (DP5 commissioning) • Securing Northern Towns Water Supply Gets Funding
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