

Media Release

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Awarding of Contracts for Lance Creek Water Connection Project

Following a thorough tender evaluation process, the awarding of contracts for the supply of pipe and construction of pump stations and pipelines for the Lance Creek Water Connection has been announced by Minister for Water Lisa Neville.

The Lance Creek Water Connection is a Victorian government project to be delivered by South Gippsland Water to 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 Cardinia Reservoir and the Wonthaggi Desalination Plant.

"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," said Minister Neville.

South Gippsland Water Managing Director Philippe du Plessis said, "With pipe alignment firmed-up, easement acquisition progressing, and tenders for the construction process awarded, the region's most significant water security project is on schedule."

Pipeline construction from Lance Creek to Korumburra and Korumburra to Poowong will be carried out by dedicated water infrastructure construction company from Melbourne's South East, Jaydo Construction Pty Ltd, with pump stations and dosing facilities 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.

Some preliminary pipeline work will commence shortly, with pipeline construction on private property scheduled to commence later this year. Pump stations will be built at the Lance Creek and Korumburra Water Treatment Plants with work scheduled to begin in October 2017.

Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora have experienced staged water restrictions in recent times and current water storages do not have the capacity to meet demand into the future.

"The project is a key component in our long-term strategy to secure water supplies for the region," confirmed Mr du Plessis. "We congratulate the successful tenders and look forward to a productive partnership in delivering this important Victorian Government water security project for the region.

To find out more about the Lance Creek Water Connection and to receive regular updates, visit the Project page at www.sgwater.com.au. Also follow us on Facebook and Twitter @SthGippsWater.

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Minister Neville's Media Release can be found at

<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/south-gippsland-grid-connection-contracts-signed/>

Photo (attached to email)



South Gippsland Water signs-off on contractor agreements.

L-R: Mark Lynch (General Manager Infrastructure and Planning), Chris Hindle (Senior Project Engineer), David Schultz (Board Chair) and Philippe du Plessis (Managing Director).