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Lance Creek Water Connection Project On Schedule

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

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.

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.

South Gippsland Water Managing Director Philippe du Plessis said, "As with all major, large-scale pipeline projects planning is imperative and part of that process has been to work closely with affected land owners to determine pipeline alignment, easement acquisition and compensation, construction timelines, and reinstatement programs."

The project team has been in contact with 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.

"The acquisition of an easement over a property enables South Gippsland Water access to sites for future operation and maintenance purposes," added Mr du Plessis.

Easement acquisition notices were recently published in the Victorian Government Gazette in accordance with the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*.

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

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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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).