



8000 KILOMETRES OF PIPES INSTALLED

Over 8000 kilometres of the 8800 kilometre Wimmera Mallee Pipeline trunk main and distribution network has been installed since construction commenced in November 2006.

“With the progress on construction that has been achieved, we are on target for completion in March 2010,” said Managing Director, Jeff Rigby.

“After three months suspension of pipelaying works due to wet weather, GWMWater is pleased with pipeline progress following the resumption of work last month. Emergency supply of piped water to farmers remains a priority as we move into warmer weather. We urge farmers to ensure their three day on-farm storage is secured, as works continue on the system.”

“We continue to receive outstanding cooperation from landowners who are very keen to have access to a piped water supply. I assure landowners that GWMWater and our contractors are working to connect customers as soon as possible.”

Supply System 3 (Birchip) and Supply System 4 (Wycheproof) is relying on gravity pressure from Lake Bellfield whilst testing and commissioning of pump stations continues. Meter installation and service connections are also advancing, and it is expected that most customers north of Rupanyup will have limited access to water from the pipeline by the end of 2009, assuming there are no interruptions or delays encountered by contractors.

SYSTEM PROGRESS:

Supply System 1 - OPERATIONAL

Supply System 2 - OPERATIONAL

Supply System 3 - Emergency water supply to most farms north of Rupanyup, relying on gravity pressure from Lake Bellfield. Pipelaying in the Rupanyup/Glenorchy area is continuing. Testing and commissioning of pump stations is underway.

Supply System 4 - Pressure testing of the pipeline is well advanced, with emergency supplies of water available to farmers as meters are installed. Pump station works are being tested prior to commissioning of the system.

Supply System 5 - OPERATIONAL

Supply System 6 - Pipelaying is continuing in several areas, with construction of the main storage facility at Brimpaen on target for completion in early 2010. Installation of meters has commenced.

Supply System 7 - OPERATIONAL

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Photo: GWMWater Board Director and Chairman of the WMP Project Control Group, Peter Vogel amends the highway sign, celebrating 8000 Kilometres of pipeline installed.

The Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project is a partnership between the Australian

