



South West Loddon Project Benefits of piped water for lifestyle property owners

Why connect my lifestyle property?

Landowners that connect to the raw water pipeline will be securing and reliable water supply for their property.

Land owners that connected their smaller blocks to other rural water supply systems have experienced some of the following benefits:

- > The ongoing availability of water for domestic and garden use without having to rely on rainwater tanks
- > No need for water carting
- > Better quality water for bathing and washing than many dams
- > Usable life of home appliances, such as hot water services and washing machines is generally extended due to reduced impurities in the water
- > Clean and plentiful water for domestic pets, chickens, horses and other animals
- > Greater firefighting security particularly in fire prone areas
- > The appreciation of property values
- > Drought proofing property
- > More versatility for future uses of the property

How much will I have to pay to connect?

Owners of rural lifestyle properties that are not rated as a farm enterprise by the Loddon Shire Council that are not operating as a commercial enterprise can connect for one off capital contribution of \$8,000 (farm enterprises contribute \$12,500). An additional one off payment of \$730 per household will entitle the owner to 830 kL of water annually.

Ongoing service charges are set annually in line our Schedule of Tariffs, Miscellaneous and Other Charges. To view a copy of our current charges, visit gwmwater.org.au/charges or alternatively call us on 1300 659 961.

Additional entitlement volumes can be purchased and excess charges apply if landholders exceed their annual entitlement.

Landholders connecting to the pipeline will need to arrange on-farm works with sufficient storage to manage three days of supply.

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ISO 9001 / 14001 and AS/NZS 4801*

What are the broader benefits of the project?

Your connection to the pipeline will contribute to the future viability of the region by:

- > reducing the reliance on catchment dams and water carting in dry times,
- > sustaining an agricultural sector that underpins this region,
- > opening up future opportunities that are currently limited by the availability of water,
- > providing social benefits for recreational uses at Skinners Flat Reservoir, and
- > enhancing the region's fire-fighting capacity.

Interested in connecting or want further information?

Lodge an expression of interest with GWMWater, call us on 1300 659 961 or visit gwmwater.org.au/swl-connect to view the following information:

- > Expression of Interest form
- > About GWMWater
- > Securing the future of the region – fact sheet on the project
- > South West Loddon Project Map
- > New customers – rural pipeline systems
- > On-farm benefits of a piped water supply
- > Rural pipeline products and charges
- > Rural Customer Charter