



East Grampians Rural Pipeline - Overview

Rural communities within Ararat Rural City, and the Pyrenees and Northern Grampians shires are primarily reliant on rainfall runoff for their water supplies. During the prolonged droughts of the past decade, water security and access have been severely impacted. The East Grampians Rural Pipeline will increase productivity and diversity across agricultural sectors, enhance community wellbeing, safety and resilience as well as reduce pressures on already highly stressed natural catchments.

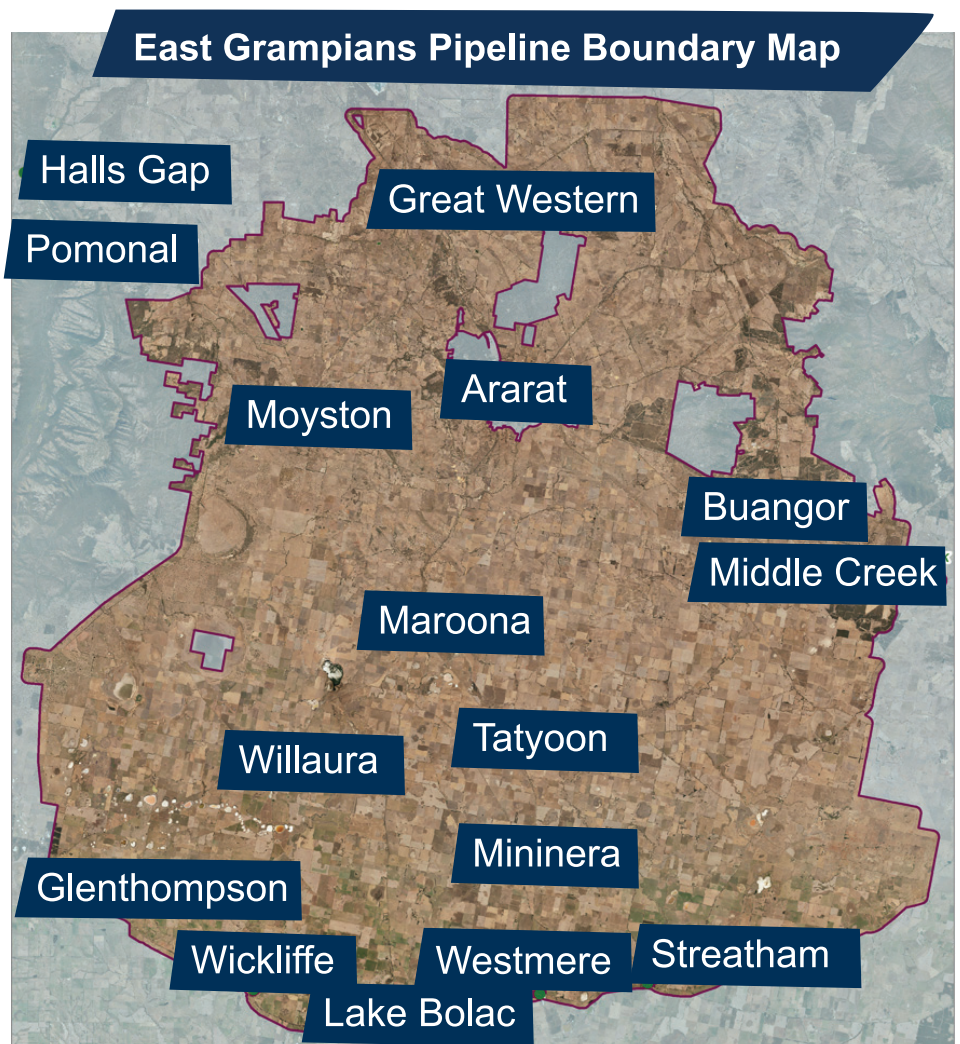
About the project

GWMWater, in partnership with Ararat Rural City, Pyrenees Shire and the Northern Grampians Shire councils, are committed to construct a stock and domestic water supply pipeline in the East Grampians region.

The Victorian Government is contributing \$32 million toward the project with a portion of the project being funded by contributions from GWMWater and connecting landowners.

A secure water supply to the East Grampians area will deliver economic benefits by supporting activity and employment in the farming and intensive livestock sectors. It will reduce the current reliance on water carting and sustain the agricultural sector that underpins the viability of this region. The project will also provide social benefits for recreational purposes and enhance the region's fire-fighting capacity.

The pipeline will deliver a raw (untreated) water supply sourced predominantly from Lake Fyans.



Landholders in the area are asked to submit an obligation free expression of interest to connect to the pipeline.

Expressions of Interest are used to inform the design of the

pipeline and ensure that service connection points are in a convenient location. The pipeline will be designed and constructed to service properties whose owners have committed to connecting. >



Pipeline benefits

Once constructed, the pipeline will provide a secure water supply for the East Grampians region servicing up to 1500 rural farming properties over an area of up to 330,000 hectares (approximately 3300 km²) in the Ararat Rural City, Northern Grampians and Pyrenees shires.

Other benefits include:

- > Increased productivity and diversity across agricultural sectors supporting economic activity and employment, underpinning the viability of the region.
- > Enhanced wellbeing and safety of the community by creating a sustainable lifestyle in the form of increased recreational opportunities and subsequent quality of life.
- > Improved access to water for fire-fighting and assisting with clean water for recovery efforts.
- > Reduced environmental pressures on stressed catchments.
- > Improved water security and resilience through the interconnection of existing water supply infrastructure.
- > Increased employment of 350 direct and indirect jobs during construction and 82 ongoing long-term jobs.

Your connection to the pipeline will:

- > improve your ability to plan your stocking or cropping activities for the medium to long-term.
- > reduce your reliance on catchment dams and water carting in dry times.
- > improve your on-property water management using our free online Customer Portal.
- > sustain an agricultural sector that underpins this region
- > open up future opportunities that are currently limited by the availability of water.

Express your interest to connect

Expressions of Interest are used to inform the design of the pipeline and ensure that connection points are in a convenient location.

To explore the option of connecting to this pipeline, submit an obligation free Expression of Interest.

Once we receive your Expression of Interest, our Land Liaison team will work with you to understand your water needs and support you through the next steps.

Please feel free to contact us on 1300 659 961 or visit our website at www.gwmwater.org.au/egrp for more information.