



East Grampians Rural Pipeline - Planning

Once fully funded and 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).

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

Connecting to the Pipeline

The below information is designed to assist you with your on-property planning in preparing to connect to the East Grampians Rural Pipeline. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the pipeline project, please contact one of our Land Liaison Officers.

Landholder official contracts

If you decide to proceed with the connection based on the cost estimate provided, you must return two signed contracts to formally sign up to connect to the pipeline. The first contract will confirm your commitment to connecting to the pipeline and will give GWMWater the confidence to install the distribution pipelines required to service properties. This contract is called a Heads of Agreement.

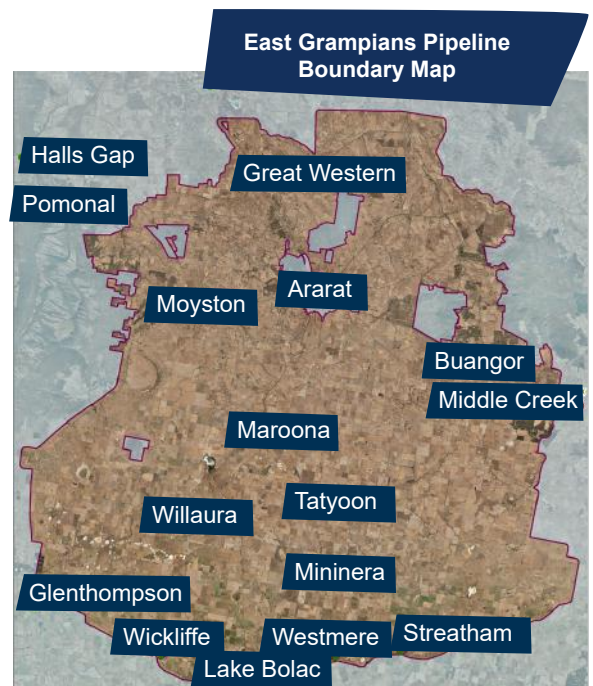
The second contract is a Supply-By-Agreement that outlines the ongoing supply and access arrangements.

About your service connection

A service connection, also known as a tapping point or meter point, is where on-property water infrastructure meets the GWMWater pipeline and meter, enabling connection of the property's storage tank and reticulation system.

While GWMWater is responsible for maintenance of infrastructure up to, and including the meter, the purchase, installation and maintenance of all on-property piping, tanks, taps, troughs and pumps are the responsibility of the landholder.

The number of service connections for a property is determined by the landholder, being mindful of practical supply arrangements and the costs associated with each service connection.





Service connection locations

GWMWater will contact each property owner to establish service connection locations. The preferred location of the service connection is determined during consultation between GWMWater and the landowner. The final location of the service connection may be influenced by the location of the pipelines once designed.

Service connections can generally be installed at a site requested by the landowner, provided the site meets the following conditions:

- > the proposed site is adjacent to the pipeline
- > native vegetation or other constraints are avoided.

Meters will generally be situated just outside the property fence line (road reserve side) allowing for reasonable access for GWMWater to undertake meter reading and maintenance.

Connection charges

The cost to landholders will vary slightly depending on the volume of water required by the property. Landholders will be asked to make a one-off initial New Customer Contribution of \$13,125 per farming enterprise (includes 1 house) or \$8,400 for properties considered non-commercial/non-intensive water users under 40 Ha (includes 1 house). An additional \$8,400 will be applicable for each additional house serviced. Negotiated contributions will occur for landholders considered an intensive water user and will take into consideration infrastructure requirements, expected usage and site specific requirements.

Landholders have the option to pay-off the capital contribution cost over a period of up to five years, or can apply to pay over a period of up to 10 years under our Hardship Policy.

A one-off payment of \$730 per household meter and standard water allowance based on 2.5 kilolitre (kL) per hectare at \$2.50 per kL is required to provide an ongoing annual water allowance. Landholders requiring a larger water allocation can purchase additional water.

Landholders will also be expected to pay for any on-property costs associated with pipework from the meter (located outside the boundary of your property) and tanks of a sufficient size to hold the required minimum three days of supply calculated on three days of peak usage.

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.

Only property owners within the service area, and have committed to the project, can connect and purchase water from the pipeline.

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



Online water calculator available

To assist landholders with calculating water requirements, we encourage landholders to use Agriculture Victoria's water calculator by visiting our website at gwmwater.org.au/egrp

Catchment dams

The East Grampians Rural Pipeline provides water security to landholders who connect to the pipeline. Connecting to the pipeline can remove a landholder's reliance on catchment dams. It is up to the individual landholder to decide if you retain on-property catchment dams or fill them in at your own cost.

Storing water on-property

Landholders are required to have at least one water tank connected to each meter connection point to be able to receive water from that connection. Tanks must have the capacity to hold a minimum of three days' worth of supply to accommodate any prolonged system downtime or maintenance requirements.

Three days' worth of supply is defined as the peak daily water demand at any time multiplied by three. Generally a house needs a 20,000 L to 30,000 L tank. A mob of 500 sheep needs a standard 13,500 L tank. For more information on determining tank quantities for on-property management, refer to our 'On-Farm Water Reticulation Guide'. Alternatively landholders may speak with one of our Land Liaison Officers by calling 1300 659 961 to discuss on-property requirements.

'On-Farm Water Reticulation Guide'

Our comprehensive 'On-Farm Water Reticulation Guide' is available to assist farmers connecting to the pipeline with the planning, design and installation of piped on-property systems.

Call our Customer Call Centre on 1300 659 961 to obtain a copy on USB or download a free copy from our website gwmwater.org.au/egrp

More information

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