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SOUTHERN WIMMERA AND NORTHEAST PYRENEES WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

## **Call for expressions of interest as Rural Water Supply business case builds**

Expressions of interest are being sought from landholders interested in a water connection to their property as part of the proposed Southern Wimmera and Northeast Pyrenees Water Supply Project.

The Water Supply Project is designed to supply non-potable water across a 354,000 hectare area covering the northern part of the Pyrenees and parts of the Northern Grampians and Central Goldfields Shires.

By expanding Victoria's water grid, the project could provide significant environmental, social and economic benefits to the region, increasing the productivity of agricultural and viticultural sectors, providing water to maintain urban green spaces, and improving water access for drought affected communities.

The project has been found to be technically feasible and a business case is now being developed to enable the project partners to present a case to higher levels of government for project funding.

An enthusiastic turnout at a series of public information sessions and drop-in events throughout October has demonstrated a strong level of interest from landholders and members of the community.

Now GWMWater, in partnership with the three Councils, is inviting expressions of interest from landholders in the region to provide a reticulated water supply to rural properties.

"It is important we hear from landholders interested in water security who want their area to be included in the scheme," said Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Cr Ron Eason. "Lodging a non-binding expression of interest will help GWMWater refine the design of the proposed water network, as well as illustrate the level of interest to higher levels of government."

The boundary for the 354,000 hectare area of interest extends from Elmhurst to Joel South, Deep Lead, Glenorchy, Bolangum, Carapooee, Goldsborough, Bung Bong and Amphitheatre.

Details about the project and how to lodge an expression of interest can be found at <https://gwmwater.org.au/swnep-study> or by calling 1300 659 961.

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