

Southern Wimmera & Northeast Pyrenees Water Supply



Introduction

The Southern Wimmera and Northeast Pyrenees Water Supply project covers an area of interest between Glenorchy and Marnoo to the west and Bung Bong and Bealiba in the East comprising some 354,219 hectares. The introduction of a piped supply would help underpin agricultural and viticultural activities, increase productivity, support water supplies to urban centres and could also provide significant environmental benefits to the region.

The feasibility study and business case for project development has been made possible by funding of \$300,000 from the Victorian Government through a grant to the Pyrenees Shire Council under the Investment Fast-Track Fund.

Project Status

After completing a feasibility study and concept plan for water supply at the end of July 2023, consultants have been engaged by GWMWater to complete a business case.

A series of public events and drop-in sessions occurred across the region throughout October, to bring the community up-to-date on the project, and to provide landholders with the opportunity to discuss specific requirements for water connections to their properties.

Anyone who was unable to make it to one of the events in October can keep up-to-date through this newsletter or by checking the project website at gwmwater.org.au/swnep-study

Next Steps

The business case and related investigations to further advance the project are anticipated to be finalised by mid-2024. This will put a reliable estimate on the extent of environmental and cultural planning and a time frame to advance the project to be shovel ready.

While the business case is under development, we are still interested in hearing from any landholders who may want a more secure water supply and have not yet expressed an interest in a possible water delivery scheme.

Expressions of interest from landholders will at this time help inform the engineering design of the water supply, and are non-binding documents.

Expressions of interest can be lodged via:

Website:

gwmwater.org.au/swnep-study

or by contacting GWMWater directly by:

Email:

info@gwmwater.org.au

Phone:

1300 659 961 during business hours.

A map of the proposed Southern Wimmera Northeast Pyrenees Water Supply area is located over the page.



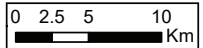
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North East Pyrenees - Proposed Rural Water Supply Project



Legend

- Towns/Locales
- Major Waterways
- Major Roads
- Existing Water Mains
- Proposed Water Mains
- Local Government Areas
- Study Area



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