

securing | our water future



### Interesting facts:

- › The total new pipeline is 46.5km
- › At the peak of the project 150 people were working on construction on the pipeline and pump stations located at Colbinabbin and Axe Creek
- › Shifts have, at times, been day and night in order to meet timelines
- › 970 trucks delivered 3875 pipe lengths
- › Up to four pipe laying crews were used
- › 4,000 cubic metres of concrete was used for the project
- › 100,000 cubic metres of soil was removed for the pipeline. A substantial amount has been reused for soil erosion prevention at other sites.

Go to [www.coliban.com.au](http://www.coliban.com.au) for more interesting project information

### Consultants & contractors:

Hundreds of people have been involved in the project to date. The delivery of project milestones given the shortened timeframes is a credit to all who have contributed. Coliban Water worked with consultants GHD who were engaged to design and plan the pipeline and pump stations.

Major contractors have included:

- › Construction – FRH
- › Pipe Supply – Tyco Water
- › Pumps and Motors – Flowserve
- › Valves – Tyco Flow Control
- › Valves – EBRO Armaturen Pacific
- › High Voltage equipment – CB&M

### Project funding:

The total Bendigo Link project cost is \$98M including an estimated \$10M for water entitlement purchases. The project is currently within budget.

#### Funding has been provided by:

- \$30M funding from State Government
- \$25M funding from National Water Initiative



# GOLDFIELDS SUPERPIPE

## Delivering water



Above: Left to Right – Coliban Water Chairman Gordon McKern, The Hon. John Brumby Premier of Victoria, Senator The Hon. Michael Ronaldson and Coliban Water Managing Director Geoff Michell yesterday switched on the pumps.

Coliban Water has achieved the September 1 target date for water through the Goldfields Superpipe to Sandhurst Reservoir in Bendigo. Testing has been underway over the past week and Premier John Brumby switched on the pumps for the first official delivery of water yesterday. The pipeline is operating at partial capacity and is on track to operate at full capacity by November.

### Available water:

The first water to flow down the Goldfields Superpipe will be permanent water purchased by Coliban Water on the open market. Coliban Water has purchased approximately 10,000

Megalitres (ML). The Goulburn System currently has an allocation of 15%.

As a contingency in case allocations remain low in the Goulburn System up to 10,000ML (10 billion litres) of water from the Goulburn Water Quality Reserve has been made available to Coliban Water under a Ministerial Qualification of Rights. This water is not a 'gift' and if used will be paid for at temporary water prices.

Customers in Bendigo, Castlemaine, Kyneton and Heathcote areas will remain on Stage 4 water restrictions for the coming summer unless rains result in significant inflows into Coliban System storages.

