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Project Update



Photographs:
Sandhurst Reservoir

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This project update is the first in a series of updates for the Eppalock to Sandhurst Augmentation Project. The project involves duplicating sections of the Eppalock to Sandhurst (ES) pipeline and upgrading the existing pump station at Lake Eppalock.

Why is this project necessary?

These works are part of Coliban Water's long term strategy to duplicate the entire Eppalock to Sandhurst pipeline to provide greater security for Bendigo's future water supply.

Some of the pipeline works have been brought forward due to the construction of the Goldfields Superpipe, which will supply water from the Goulburn system at Colbinabbin to Bendigo and Ballarat. The Stage 1 and 2 works will create the extra capacity required for increased flows in the ES pipeline needed to supply Ballarat and Bendigo in the future. The Ballarat link is scheduled for completion in mid 2008.

Where will the duplication be?

The map attached to this update shows schematically where the duplicated sections of the pipeline will be constructed. Stage 1 is the duplication of approximately 5.7 kilometres of pipeline from Sandhurst Reservoir through the Bendigo Regional Park and Coliban Water's catchment area to Spring Gully Reservoir.

The approximate 8 kilometres of the Stage 2 pipeline duplication is being designed in the following areas:

- Stage 2A: Between Kimbolton-Axedale Road to west of Cannys Road (approximately 2.6 km)
- Stage 2B: West of the Axe Creek booster pump station for the Goldfields Superpipe – Bendigo Link project to west of Axe Creek Road (approximately 5.6km)

The remaining sections of the pipeline have been designated as Stage 3 as shown on the map overleaf and are anticipated to be duplicated within a 10-year timeframe.

How will local residents be affected?

The existing pipeline is located on a water supply easement and it is proposed to locate the duplicated pipelines within the same existing easement. Coliban Water will require access to the easement for investigative surveys and for construction works. This easement runs through the properties shown on the map overleaf.

During the works, local residents may notice a slight increase in traffic and some road or lane closures. Coliban Water will maintain a page on the project on their website www.coliban.com.au This page will provide up to date information on the progress of construction and expected impacts to local residents.

When will works be underway?

Coliban Water is currently undertaking surveys and flora, fauna, cultural and heritage investigations along Stage 1. Survey work on Stages 2A and B are expected to commence in October 2007.

Construction of Stage 1 is scheduled to commence in late summer 2007 and the target completion date will be mid 2008 to coincide with the completion of the Ballarat Link of the Goldfields Superpipe. The target completion date for Stage 2 works is the end of 2008. Stage 3 works are anticipated to be completed within the next 10 years; however they have not yet been programmed.

What will the survey investigations involve?

The survey investigations include flora, fauna, cultural heritage, topography and geological surveys. The surveys will assist in the planning and approval process, and identify environmental and cultural heritage issues that may need to be addressed during construction.

What community consultation is underway?

Consultation with landowners who are located within the duplicated sections of the pipeline has commenced and will continue throughout the project. Discussions will be held to identify preferred access points into properties during construction, methods to minimise disturbance to land, as well as methods to minimise impacts on the environment.

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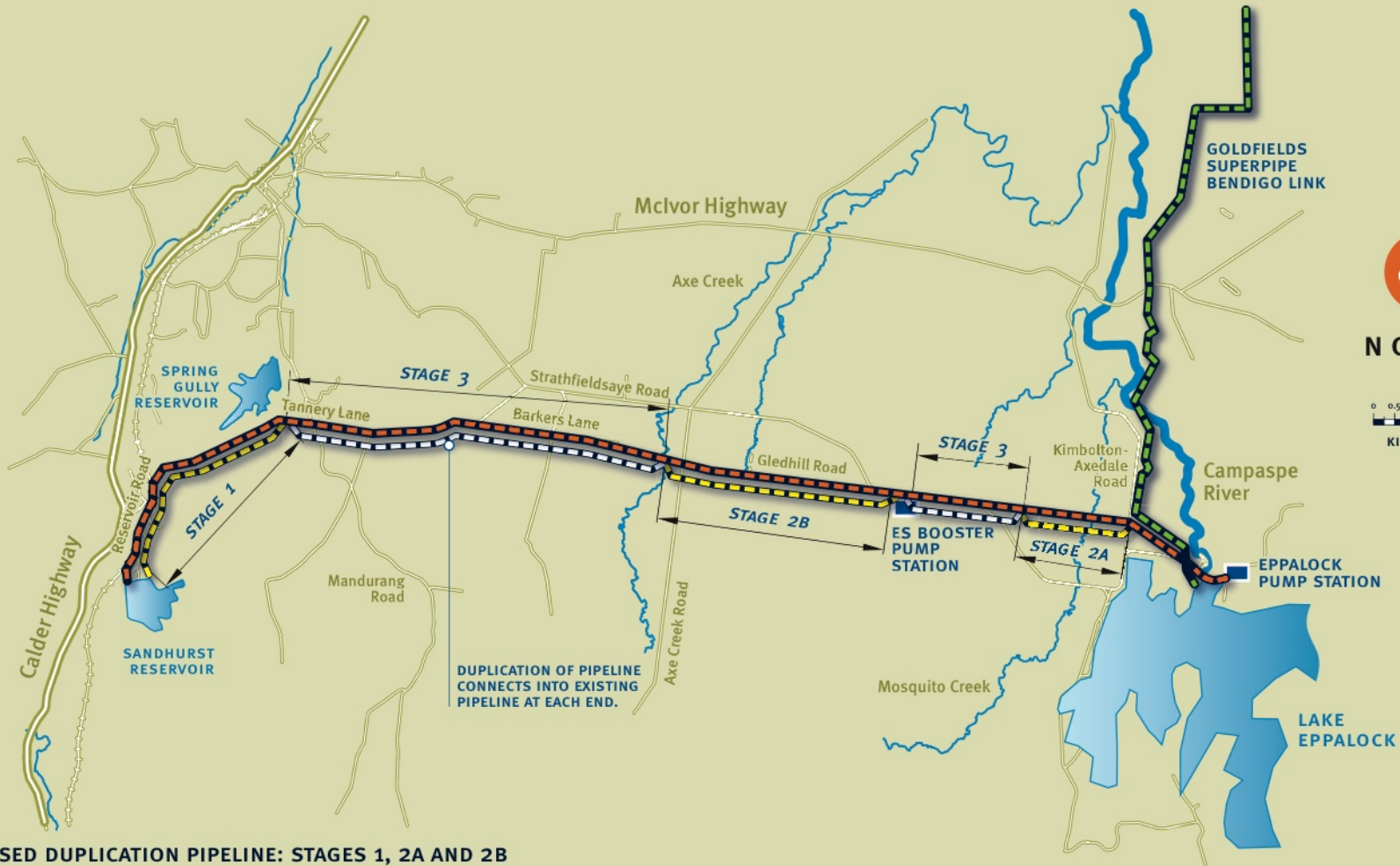
Photograph: Sandhurst Reservoir showing the immediate catchment






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EPPALOCK TO SANDHURST AUGMENTATION PROJECT

PROPOSED PIPELINE DUPLICATION



-  PROPOSED DUPLICATION PIPELINE: STAGES 1, 2A AND 2B
-  PROPOSED DUPLICATION PIPELINE: STAGE 3
-  EXISTING EPPALOCK TO SANDHURST PIPELINE
-  GOLDFIELDS SUPERPIPE BENDIGO LINK
-  PUMP STATION

Disclaimer: This diagram is a schematic to represent the Eppalock to Sandhurst Augmentation Project. Coliban Water reserves the right to alter or change information.