

Update 02
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Some sections of the water supply easement in which the duplicated sections pipeline will be constructed

Project Update

This is the second of our updates on 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.

Since the last update, we have been busy preparing for the smooth commencement of works.

Investigation works have been conducted through Stages 1, 2A and 2B. The design team has confirmed the proposed route of the new pipeline through the water supply easement corridor. The landholder consultation team is in regular contact with landholders who will be impacted by the works. We are committed to minimising impacts during construction and subsequent land reinstatement.

Construction timeline

What is construction timeline?

It is expected that construction of Stage 1 will commence in April 2008 with completion by August 2008. Stage 2 construction is likely to commence in August 2008 and anticipated completion is the end of 2008.

Please note that construction dates are approximate and will be subject to change dependent on successful completion of the planning and approvals process and the award of the construction contract.

When will construction take place on my land?

Landowners will be notified in writing prior to work taking place on their land. Landowners will also be personally contacted by the construction contractor to discuss details of construction and reinstatement.

Location of construction works

On a whole project scale, the duplicated sections of pipeline will be constructed along specified locations between the Eppalock and Sandhurst reservoirs. The map overleaf shows schematically the location of Stages 1, 2A and 2B. This map can be viewed at a larger scale under the "Major Projects" section of the Coliban Water website.

At a property level, the works will be confined to the water supply easement. The design team has now been able to confirm, after survey verification, that the new pipelines will lie within the existing easement corridor, parallel to and offset from the existing pipeline. No works or clearing will take place beyond the easement. The creation of additional easements will not be required.

Landholder consultation

The project team has been in regular contact with all landowners whose properties lie along the duplicated sections of the pipeline.

Closer to commencement of construction, all affected landholders will be contacted to discuss the construction process in more detail. Topics will include identification of preferred access points into properties, methods to minimise disturbance to land, and methods to minimise impacts on the environment during construction.

The contractor will already be aware of any issues that landholders have previously raised and will try to accommodate landowners' reasonable requests.

Landowners should use the Project Information Desk contact details to receive further information.

The Project Information Desk is available to provide information and respond to enquiries.

Free call number
1800 232 772

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A web page will provide the latest information on construction. Click on the link to "Major Projects" at www.coliban.com.au



Box ironbark forest



Pipes delivered to Phillis St

Results of survey investigations

Investigations have been carried out along stage 1, 2A and 2B for flora, fauna, cultural heritage, topography and geological surveys. Archaeological surveys are currently underway along Stages 2A and 2B. These surveys have been conducted to assist in the planning and approval process, and to identify environmental and cultural heritage issues that may need to be addressed during construction.

The investigations found that the environment covered by these surveys includes cleared agricultural land, roadside verges, and Regional Park. Stage 1 of the construction is within the Bendigo Regional Park.

Ecologically, the Stage 1 area supports Box Ironbark Forest, dominated by Eucalyptus species. The Victorian rare *Grevillea dryophylla* and the threatened Brown's Toadlet were observed during field investigations, and the Sugarglider, Brush-tailed Phascogale and nationally threatened Swift Parrot are also known to inhabit the area. With appropriate mitigation measures works will not threaten any of these species.

Consultation with project stakeholders

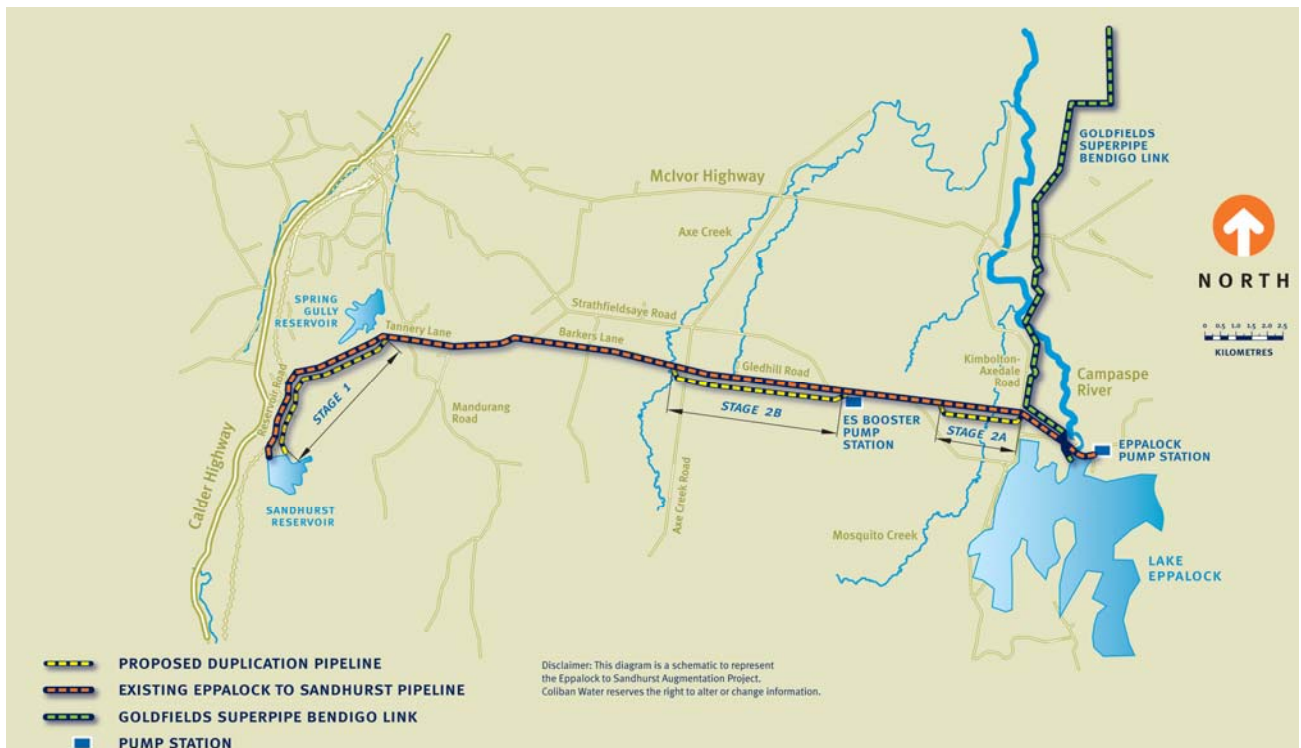
We have consulted with many stakeholders to ensure the project is being undertaken appropriately. This has included discussions with government authorities, including the Department of Planning and Community Development, the Department of Sustainability and Environment, the Greater Bendigo City Council, Parks Victoria, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, and the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Coliban Water has also actively engaged with community groups and landowners.

Pipe delivery

A property in Phillis Street, Kangaroo Flat is being used temporarily to store pipes for the project.

The pipes are being stored, by agreement with the landholder for use in Stage 1 of the project. Pipes are being delivered by semitrailer and deliveries are due to finish by Easter. Other storage areas will be required to store the remaining pipes for the project.



A large scale version of this diagram can be viewed www.coliban.com.au > click on link to Major Projects