

Update 01
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Pictured: Alignment investigation underway

Pipeline route investigations

Pipeline route investigations have commenced on the Raywood-Sebastian Pipeline Project to connect the two townships to the Bendigo supply system.

This project was identified several years ago and was postponed in 2006 to focus on major water security projects.

Project timeline

- Planning and approvals stage approximately three to six months
- Implementation and construction stage approximately 12 months
- Project target completion is mid 2010

Pipeline alignment options

Several pipeline alignment options are currently being explored and background work to support the required project approvals has commenced.

The final pipeline alignment will consider:

- Landowner consultation and Water Services Committee input
- Native flora and fauna
- Geotechnical conditions
- Existing services such as electricity and telecommunications
- Any required land acquisitions
- Requirements of various regulatory authorities including VicRoads, Local Government, Cultural and European Heritage and Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Connecting the pipeline

The pipeline will be approximately 20 kilometres in length depending on the alignment chosen and will connect into the Bendigo supply system in Eaglehawk.

The current plan is to connect the pipeline to the existing clearwater storage tanks at the Raywood Water Treatment Plant. A new storage tank will also be installed to service Sebastian.

Members sought for project Water Services Committee

Send us your Expression of Interest

We are seeking community members to express an interest in sitting on our Water Services Committee for Raywood, Sebastian and the surrounding area.

Committee members must:

- Reside in the geographic area or be either a current rural or urban customer
- Have a good understanding of key water issues affecting the area, and
- A basic understanding of governance principles



Pictured: Elevated water tank in Raywood

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Committee's purpose

The chair will be elected from within the committee and the purpose of this committee is to advise on:

- Raywood/Sebastian pipeline connection to Bendigo, and the rural modernisation program for Cockatoo Hill channel system;
- Preferred pipeline alignment options;
- Future rural and urban supply conditions and priorities;
- Community needs and project impacts;
- Arrangements for new and future customer connections.

Appointment to the committee is for a maximum two years. Meetings will be monthly. Members receive sitting fees, and travel and preparation expenses.

Committee charter

A draft committee charter and further information is available on our website www.coliban.com.au click on the link to Water Services Committees. Or a hard copy can be obtained by calling 1300 363 200.

Expressions of Interest close at 5pm on 24 April 2009 and can be e-mailed to coliban@coliban.com.au or posted to Coliban Water, PO Box 2770, Bendigo DC, 3554.

Water Carting & Quality

Water Carters continue to work in shifts of 12 hours per day to supply the townships of Raywood and Sebastian with water from the Bendigo supply system. This will continue until the pipeline connection to the Bendigo system is complete.

Sebastian water quality

Even though Sebastian is currently receiving water carted from the Bendigo water supply system, the status of Sebastian's town water supply is considered to be non-potable (not for drinking).

To upgrade the water supply to a potable (drinking) status, a temporary chlorination system has been installed.

Water quality tests since the installation have confirmed that the necessary chlorine residuals have been stable.

We are now in the process of applying to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to change the non-potable status to potable status by 1 July 2009.

All customers will be advised by letter when the change to the water supply status has been confirmed by the DHS.

Water security

Water Contingency Strategy

Our region-wide water contingency strategy can be found on our website – click on the link to *Water Security*.

Monthly Water Outlooks

Each month we publish water outlooks for every supply system in our region. These can also be found on our website – click on the link to *Water Outlooks*.

Project Updates

As the Raywood-Sebastian Pipeline Project progresses we will provide direct mail updates.

For further information please call our project team on 1300 363 200.