

sugarloaf

pipeline project

Where we are now

Project Milestones to date

July 2007: Sugarloaf Pipeline Project announced as part of the Victorian Government's Water Plan and Food Bowl Modernisation Project

First round of community information sessions

Nov 2007: Environment Effects Statement, Referral to Minister for Planning

Dec 2007: Planning Minister calls for preparation of Project Impact Assessment

Jan 2008: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Referral submitted to Federal Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts
Negotiations with landowners for land access and compensation commence

Feb 2008: Submission of Project Impact Assessment (PIA) Report (now on exhibition for public comment until 18 March)

Federal decision on EPBC Referral:
The pipeline is a controlled action under the EPBC Act, and the Federal Minister will make his final decision on the project based on the advice provided by the Victorian Advisory Committee, appointed by the Victorian Minister for Planning.

March 2008: Sugarloaf Pipeline Advisory Committee to begin considering PIA documents and public submissions.

Consulting with landowners and residents

Consulting with the community remains central to preparing for the pipeline. Project team members are visiting landowners regularly along the recently announced preferred corridor route.

The team, including designers and engineers, provide landowners and residents with information about the project, seek permission to access private property and explain the next steps in the process.

By visiting landowners in person the team has been able to incorporate new ideas into pipe design and hear suggestions relating to mitigation. Conversations have also addressed the issue of compensation and the independent role of the Valuer-General in the process.

Studies continue

Field teams are continuing to undertake studies, adding to information already collected on:

- Flora and Fauna
- Cultural Heritage
- Geotechnical
- Surveying

These ongoing investigations provide fundamental information for pipeline engineers and designers. For example, recent work by the Cultural Heritage team has examined evidence of Aboriginal occupation.

Benefiting local business

The project alliance is fielding enquiries from companies, businesses and individuals interested in working on the pipeline or providing support services during the investigation and construction periods.

A database of local businesses is currently being assembled. Those wishing to be involved can register their interest by contacting us on a dedicated toll free number: 1800 631 713.

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