

Mitiamo district domestic and stock pipeline

About the project

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW), in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Coliban Water and Loddon and Campaspe Shires have developed a business case for a proposed reticulated domestic and stock pipeline for the Mitiamo district.

This has included an extensive consultation process, pipeline design and alignment survey to inform the business case, with input from the community, landholders and stakeholders.

The business case has been provided to the Victorian Government for consideration.



- improved community resilience, liveability and employment opportunities;
- improved biodiversity; and
- environmental benefits for Terrick Terrick National Park and additional tapping points available for emergency use in a bushfire.

Detail in the business case

The business case investigated a proposal for a new, reticulated domestic and stock pipeline.

Community consultation with landowners, stakeholders and the wider public identified this proposed pipeline as a more efficient, cost-effective and modern water supply to the area.

The proposed pipeline would service 75,000 hectares north of Bendigo and south west of Echuca near the townships of Mitiamo, Tennyson and Dingee.

This proposal includes more than 180 customers, 87 rural houses and 376 tapping points.

It is estimated construction costs would be around \$29 million, incorporating 375 kilometres of pipeline, a pump station and 90 ML storage.

Benefits of a pipeline for the Mitiamo and district community

There would be a range of benefits to the local and broader community, including:

- improved reliability and quality of domestic and stock water;
- a reduction in water losses through seepage and evaporation;
- a reduction of costs to both farmers and townships associated with water cartage and poor water quality;
- increased productivity of the land;

Consultation with the community

The project involved extensive community consultation. This included three open days attended by more than 100 people and more than 180 one-on-one sessions with landowners, as well as surveys.

We received strong community support throughout the consultation process and were able to build on the previous work of the Mitiamo Reticulated Water Supply Committee who have long advocated for a pipeline in the area.

The business case represents a unified view and preference for a pipeline from landowners, stakeholders and the wider community.

Next steps

A project of this size requires significant investment from both landholders and government to proceed.

More information

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