



## Project Overview

The \$29 million investment in the Mitiamo and surrounding community is underway with the Mitiamo Pipeline Project receiving funding from the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government and Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW).

Historically, over 80% of water supplied to the channels in the region is lost before use, and only two-thirds of the project area is currently serviced.

Water is currently delivered to some properties in this region through open channel and dam storage networks. This system is characterised by poor service capability and large losses of water through seepage and evaporation.

It is expected a more reliable service and a cleaner water supply will result in increased productivity of the land, improved community resilience and liveability, improved high value use of water as well as improve the terrestrial biodiversity of Terrick Terrick National Park.

## Key Facts & Statistics

- 360 km length of pipeline
- 85 ML storage facility
- 365-day supply
- Over 1,000 ML water savings
- Around 75,000 hectares north of Bendigo and south west of Echuca
- More than 370 tapping points for around 150 farming entities and almost 90 rural houses
- More than 500 ML of piped stock and domestic water per year
- Historically, 80 per cent of water supplied to the current channel network is lost before use
- One-third of properties in the project area are currently not serviced
- Improved water supply quality and reliability

The Mitiamo project team have been busy working with Aboriginal landowners and private farming entities to ensure we have the appropriate plans and agreements in place to deliver the project and its benefits.

Cultural Heritage Management plans have been developed via field assessment and engagement with Traditional Owner groups including Yorta Yorta Nations Aboriginal Corporation, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and the traditional owners of the Pyramid Hill and Terrick Terrick regions.

Private landowners along the project alignment are being contacted to discuss the project and each landowners particular circumstances. It is expected more than 150 individual agreements will be required.

State and Commonwealth Governments have invested \$24.7 million towards the \$29 million project cost. The remaining \$4.3 million and ongoing costs are to be met by landholders.

Any additional on-farm work costs associated with the domestic and stock scheme such as water tanks, troughs, pipe and fittings will be the responsibility of the landowners.

Construction on the Mitiamo Pipeline Project is expected to start in late 2020 and be completed by mid 2021, ready to supply 75,000 hectares north of Bendigo and south west of Echuca near the townships of Mitiamo, Tennyson and Dingee.

Once completed the newly created Mitiamo Piped Water District will be owned and operated by Goulburn-Murray Water.