

PROJECT UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2021

Since starting in November, the Mitiamo Pipeline Team have already installed half the pipeline required to complete the project. With more than 180km of pipeline installed, made possible by procuring the pipe materials in advance, the project team have demonstrated they mean business.

In order to deliver the installation of the pipeline as efficiently as possible, contractor Mitchell Water have divided the alignment into three segments, deploying a team to each so that installation of the segments can be achieved concurrently.

"Landowners have been really welcoming and generous with provision of access as the team worked on or near property boundaries" reflects Helen Dornam, Landowner Liaison from Mitchell Water.

Mitchell Water teams are working in a variety of locations including Tennyson Road through the early part of the new year and will be in contact with landowners in advance of work commencing near property boundaries. The project is also ensuring works are complaint to the approved Cultural Heritage Management Plans, which includes monitoring of soil disturbance activities.

The project remains on track for completion in mid 2021.



The Project team installing pipe using a bullet plough near Mitiamo

Landowner Agreements



Cultural Heritage Plans Agreed



Pump Station Construction



360km Pipeline Construction











A SAFE START TO THE MITIAMO PIPELINE PROJECT

As Australia Day marks the end of the Summer Holiday break for many, Mitiamo Pipeline Projects Safety Advisor Daniel McNamara is glad the MPP team have managed to stay switched on to safety.

With the pump station and lagoon work ready for testing and commissioning, and the first half of the pipeline already installed, the team are particularly pleased to confirm there have been no loss time injuries or near misses recorded on the project to date.



The Mitiamo Pipeline Team's Paul Tschappeller and Peter Geyer on site

"Vigilance is key. With many of our friends and family in holiday mode, we want to see our team and our landowners well placed to work safety and get home to enjoy BBQs and summer recreation" says Daniel.

Daniel is making a concerted effort to ensure the team are relying on the safety plans and procedures that have been carefully crafted for this project. Outside of formal plans, Mitiamo Pipeline team members are encouraged to take an active interest in their colleagues and regularly check in on all aspects of wellbeing.

PROJECT TIMELINE

COMMENCE ENGAGEMENT with Registered Aboriginal Parties and private landowners

AWARD CONTRACT for construction of pump station

PREPARE & AGREE cultural Heritage Plans and Landowner Agreements

COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION of pump station

PROCUREMENT of pipeline materials

AWARD CONTRACT for construction of 360km pipeline

LANDOWNER NOTIFICATIONS prior to onsite activity

WE ARE

HERE

COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION
OF 360KM PIPELINE

50% PIPELINE INSTALLATION

PROJECT COMPLETION (est April 2021)

FIRST WATER TARRIFFS (est 1 July 2021)

ASK DANNY

With construction well underway on the Mitiamo Pipeline, the MPP's Safety Advisor, Danny McNamara has been very busy ensuring the team have safe work practices front of mind. We caught up with Danny and asked him a couple of quick questions:

What tips do you have for staying vigilant on safety in day-to-day operations? Whether is a multi-million dollar infrastructure project, or day-to-day private farming operations, it's important to take a moment before starting a task and run through a quick safety check "Is there a safer way to be doing this? Is there a risk I can remove before I begin?". This habit could save your life (or somebody else's).

Has the project had any injury incidents or near misses?

Proudly, no. The Project team and its contractors have put significant time into developing project safety plans and protocols and prestart meetings are held each morning to remind individuals before they commence work for the day.

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