

PROJECT UPDATE - April 2021

REMINDER - SUBMIT YOUR TANK REBATE CLAIM BY 30 APRIL

The month of March saw the introduction of the Mitiamo Pipeline Tank Rebate Scheme.

Landowners were sent a letter and information pack introducing the overall project. The packs were also emailed and our team of Landowner Liaisons made more than 130+ phone calls to ensure people had checked their post boxes (and inboxes).

Neighbours Alli Rumble and Jenny Emonson coordinated for their new tanks to be delivered on the same truck, saving on transport costs. Alli and Jenny are among the first to claim the rebate for the tanks at each of their tapping points on their Terrick Terrick properties.

"We are really pleased to see the rebate scheme introduced. Having our tanks installed brings us one step closer to the new pipeline's reliable water supply" says Jenny Emonson.

Alli Rumble credits the new pipeline with providing her the confidence to diversify her property. "I have filled in the dam, planted Silver Birch Trees and been able to move forward with adding cattle to the property".

The Mitiamo Tank Rebate Scheme offers **\$1500, per tank per tapping point** for Mitiamo Pipeline customers who are able to purchase their tanks and submit their claims by **30 April 2021**. The tanks need to be installed by the end of June ahead of the Spring Irrigation Season.



Neighbours Alli Rumble and Jenny Emonson taking delivery of their new tanks

Landowner Agreements



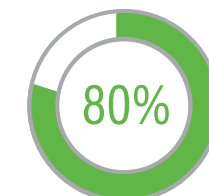
Cultural Heritage Plans Agreed



Pump Station Construction



Pipeline Construction



PUMP STATION CONNECTED TO THE MITIAMO PIPELINE

The southern most point of the almost complete Mitiamo Pipeline has now been connected to the Pump Station and Lagoon, bringing the project one step closer to completion. While some sections of the pipe have already started the testing process, there are still a few key segments to be installed before the Pump Station can be properly pressure tested.

With the last of the Council and Vic Roads permissions falling into place in March, the eastern corner of the Project area near Terrick Terrick will be among the next installed.

Most of the Pipeline will be entering a testing and commissioning phase in May with small spurs at some of the end points on the system being finalised right up to the planned July project completion date.



ASK JANE

After helping the team with more than 130 phone calls to introduce the Mitiamo Tank Rebate Scheme in March, the project's **Jane Barnes** has had some great questions which we have answered below. For more information about the Mitiamo Pipeline Tank Rebate Scheme, please contact Jane on: Jane.Barnes@gmwater.com.au or **0439 462 813**

When can I turn the water on?

A small amount of water may be drawn through your meter by the project team in May or June as part of testing and commissioning, which you won't be charged for. You can draw water against your entitlements from 1 July from which point, charges will apply.

Why does the Tank need to be installed by the end of June?

Landowners participating in the Tank Rebate Scheme are asked to provide photographic proof of installation by the end of June so that testing, commissioning and the first operational period of the pipeline can proceed with confidence. Having Landowners with their tanks installed along the project alignment will also make it easier to identify any issues before the project ends.

What size tank do I need to purchase?

On farm storage requirements are a condition of each Landowner Agreement. Your tank needs to be big enough to supply your needs for four days. This storage amount will be outlined in your Landowner Agreement. Landowners may choose to purchase multiple tanks to reach the required amount of storage.

What size pipe and fittings do I need to install between the tapping point and the tank.

The connection from the tapping point to the tank must be PN8. Rural poly (Green line) and Blue line poly are both acceptable as both are PN8. Your local supplier can assist with choosing PN8 poly pile. The Mitiamo Pipeline project page has a sample sketch of a tank, connecting pipes and all the appropriate fittings attached with this Project update

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

80% OF
PIPELINE INSTALLATION

PIPELINE CONNECTED TO
THE PUMP STATION

PIPELINE TESTING AND
COMMISSIONING

FIRST WATER TARRIFFS
(est 1 July 2021)

FIND OUT MORE

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