

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why was the Mitiamo Pipeline built?

Historically, over 80% of water supplied to the channels in the region was lost before use, and only two-thirds of the project area had been serviced. The newly built pipeline provides a more reliable service and a cleaner water supply will help boost productivity of the land, service communities, improve high value use of water and improve the terrestrial biodiversity of Terrick Terrick National Park.

### 2. How much did the project cost and who funded it?

Construction costs of \$29 million, incorporating more than 300 kilometres of pipeline, a pump station and 85 ML storage, are shared. State and Commonwealth Governments have invested \$24.7 million. The remaining \$4.3 million and ongoing costs are met by Goulburn-Murray Water and is recovered from irrigators. Commonwealth Funding came from the \$1.3 billion National Water Infrastructure Development Fund. Of the \$24.7 million in government funding, the Victorian Government invested \$10.2 million in funding, and the Australian Government invested \$14.5 million in funding from the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund.

### 3. What are the benefits of the Mitiamo Pipeline?

Communities and farmers in northern Victoria are now enjoying reliable year-round reticulated water supply provided by the newly completed Mitiamo Pipeline. The Project has reduced public (and private) water losses by more than 1000 megalitres a year and boosted the local economy by generating an estimated 170 local jobs through project development, approvals and construction.

### 4. Is water supplied 365 days per year?

Yes, the pipeline and associated pumping arrangements and storage facility have been designed to provide a year-round supply of stock and domestic water.

### 5. Is township water supply impacted?

The Mitiamo Townships supply is provided by Coliban Water, which is now part of Mitiamo pipeline supply. The supply to Coliban Water will not directly impact the private residents supplied.



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## 6. Has water quality changed?

The Mitiamo Pipeline supplies raw water (which is non-potable), from the Waranga Western Channel. Water Supplied by GMW is not suitable for drinking without first being properly treated.

## 7. What area does the completed Mitiamo Pipeline cover?

The Mitiamo Pipeline now supplies 58,000 hectares north of Bendigo and southwest of Echuca through over 300km of new pipeline. This means year-round service to around 150 farming entities and almost 90 rural houses.

