



New customers to the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline

The opportunity exists to extend the supply from the Wimmera-Mallee pipeline to new customers both in and outside the area currently supplied by the stock and domestic channel system.

In the past, channel supply was constrained by limitations of gravity. Some high areas adjacent to, and even within the channel area, were not able to receive a channel supply.

But the construction of a piped water system will lessen this constraint. The pipeline will be pressurised, so areas that channels failed to supply can now be considered.

Who the pipeline can supply

This will allow the piped system to supply:

- > Existing domestic and stock customers. The pipeline is a replacement system for these customers.
- > Landowners in the water district, but not supplied with water from the channel system because their property was above the elevation of the channel. The pipeline design has allowed for supply to these areas both in terms of infrastructure and demand volume.
- > Landowners outside the water district who have expressed a desire to receive water from a piped supply.

In some cases no further works are needed.

Landowners may need to contribute towards costs where the system requires additional works. The extent of these contributions is yet to be determined.

How to accommodate changes

GWMWater has developed policies to accommodate for changes to the system once the pipeline is in place.

Landowners who are new inclusions as part of the piped system will need to purchase water entitlements, and once connected, will need to pay for on-farm connections as well as annual rates.

Rated property owners in the waterworks district will not need to contribute to the off-farm costs of the pipeline infrastructure, connection or water entitlement associated with their standard level of service.

Landowners in the pipeline area who currently do not receive a supply and do not pay rates will be able to be connected providing they pay a system extension cost, new connection charge and ongoing annual rates and charges.

Landowners in the pipeline area seeking to use some of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline's growth allocation will need to pay infrastructure costs, water entitlement charges and ongoing annual rates and charges.

More information is available by contacting

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