

Project implementation timing

Construction of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline is progressing at a rapid rate. While work continues to get pipes 'in the ground', there is plenty going on to progress the project to the next stage and closer to its five-year completion date.

Some key activities involved in implementing the project include:

- > Tendering the design of each stage
- > Undertaking the detailed design work
- > Tendering for pipe supply, fittings and pumps
- > Tendering for construction of various components
- > Land acquisition
- > Pump station power supply
- > Supply of pipes, fittings and pumps
- > Construction of works



A Cleveland trencher lays 450 mm pipe near Dooen *Photo courtesy of Michael Rudolph, Wimmera Mail-Times*



Pipe laying contractors on-site near Dooen *Photo courtesy of Michael Rudolph, Wimmera Mail-Times*

Works underway

Within the first four months of construction of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline, which started in November 2006, over 300 kilometres of PVC pipeline was 'in the ground'. The main trunk work crew constructed over half a kilometre per day, and the three distribution crews were averaging almost two kilometres a day each. The rates varied according to pipe diameter.

In this first four month period, construction crews drilled pipe beneath road, rail and waterway crossings at almost 200 sites, in preparation for arrival of trenching work crews.

For the latest construction information and photographs, see the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project website, www.gwmwater.org.au

Timing estimates

It is anticipated that construction of the pipeline will be complete by end of 2010. This would deliver a number of benefits to the region including:

- > Delivering a secure water supply to the region sooner
- > Bringing water saving benefits to the region sooner, particularly in light of on-going drought conditions
- > Reducing the risk of cost increases for the project including inflationary pressures

See overleaf for a map of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline supply systems.

Further information regarding project implementation timing is available by contacting the **Horsham Piping It Office** on **1300 659 961** or by dropping into the office at **42-44 Kalkee Road**.

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