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Pipelaying to cross final bridges

The Sugarloaf Pipeline Project continues to make significant progress with pipe laying in some areas now complete.

Pipe laying at Glenburn and Killingworth is now complete along with some areas at Yarra Glen.

Pipe laying is also complete from Yea to Devlin's Bridge and in the Toolangi State Forest.

Pipe continues to be pushed through the tunnel under the forest and the tunnel boring equipment is ready for dismantling.

Pipe laying continues at Yarra View Road at Yarra Glen, and at Dixon's Creek.

While all of the major road crossings have been completed, minor road crossings are still to occur at Gulf Road and Hunts Lane at Yarra Glen.

Road crossings on Glenview Road near King Street and at Lorimer's Lane in the Yarra Glen area were completed in the past week and are expected to be completed at Glenview Road near Yarra View Road and at Pinnacles Lane at Dixons Creek this week.

Construction of a pipe bridge over the Maroondah Aqueduct is underway in Yarra View Road, Yarra Glen, and a pipe bridge at Yea River at Castella is expected to commence next week.

The two pump stations are also making significant progress.

At the Goulburn River Pump Station, north of Yea, the concrete inlet structure, which will provide the water for the pipeline, is 50 percent built. The external walls of the wet well are complete and the internal walls are underway. The two buildings are under construction: the walls of the transformer building have been built and the roof is being installed while work on the control building has begun.

The steel structure at the High Lift pump station, about three kilometres south of Yea is 80 percent built and 70 percent of the walls of the balance tank are complete. The High Lift Pump station will pump water up and over the Great Dividing Range.

Reinstatement has begun and significant progress has been made in the Glenburn Area. Reinstatement has also begun at the Yea River Crossing at Yea and between Yea and Devlin's Bridge and in the Toolangi State Forest.

The Sugarloaf Pipeline Project remains within budget and ahead of schedule.

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