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Land reseedn as Alliance prepares for last pipes

The Sugarloaf Pipeline project remains ahead of schedule and on budget as construction teams focus on reinstating land along the 70km route.

Around 35km of pasture has been reseedn and preparation is being made for final pipe laying, according to Melbourne Water Project Director, Rod Clifford.

"About 95 per cent of the pipe has been laid and construction of the major infrastructure needed to pump Melbourne's share of the water saved by the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project is well underway," Mr Clifford said.

The two pump stations that will take water over the Great Dividing Range – the Goulburn River low-lift pump station, north of Yea at Killingworth, and the high-lift pump station at 'Sheoak', south of Yea – are more than half built.

Pipe laying through the 830 metre tunnel in the Toolangi State Forest is complete and workers have recently dismantled the tunnel boring equipment.

Upcoming work includes connecting pipes to some of the major infrastructure, including the pump stations, the tunnel and Sugarloaf Reservoir.

Pipe laying is continuing in the Yarra Glen and Dixons Creek areas and across the Yea River at Castella.

All of the major road crossings are complete with only two minor road crossings remaining.

The Alliance continues to work directly with landowners on the pipeline route to ensure construction issues are well managed and residents are compensated for direct impacts.

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