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A rock solid business boost by the pipeline project



Sales Manager David Andrews keeps an eye on trucks coming and going at the Castella Quarries site

The Sugarloaf Pipeline project has been providing a much needed boost to some regional businesses during difficult economic times.

Shirley Phillips, Office Manager for Castella Quarries, says the project has provided a significant increase to the business at a time when other work had dropped off.

The family-owned company, based midway along the pipeline route on the Melba Highway at Castella, has supplied quality rock for the construction of roadways and driveways in areas including Yea, Seymour, Yarra Valley and Marysville.

The quarry has been supplying about 10 different types of rock to create access roads for the Sugarloaf Pipeline project's heavy construction equipment.

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“The pipeline project has generated lots of work for several businesses in the area, including local trucking companies and food outlets,” Ms Phillips said.

“It has kept our 10 staff busy and we have been able to hire some new equipment, including a mobile crusher. This has enabled the quarry to increase its output”, Ms Phillips said.

Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance spokesperson Denise Hurley said Castella Quarries was one of several regional companies being used to supply rock and was ideally located central to some of the construction works.

“In a project that requires more than 100,000 tonnes of rock for the haul route, Castella Quarries’ central location means truck movements are significantly reduced, which is great for the project, the environment and for road users,” Ms Hurley said.

The Sugarloaf Pipeline project has completed pipelaying and remains on budget and ahead of schedule.

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About the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance

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