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## Sugarloaf Reservoir chute marks another milestone



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The Sugarloaf Pipeline project has reached another major milestone – completion of the chute at the Sugarloaf Reservoir.

The chute manages the intake of water savings from the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District that will flow through the 70km pipeline into the Sugarloaf Reservoir then onto Melbourne residents.

Melbourne Water Project Director Rod Clifford said this milestone was another significant step toward the early completion of the pipeline project, which will deliver 75 billion litres of water to Melbourne in its first year from early 2010.

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The Sugarloaf chute has taken 12 months to build. It is 170 metres long and is made up of 1200 square metres of structural concrete and 200 tonnes of reinforced steel.

It contains a number of small concrete blocks along its length that help reduce the speed of the water as it flows toward the reservoir and ensures the banks are protected from erosion.

Mr Clifford said the Alliance was pleased to have completed mainline pipelaying ahead of schedule ensuring the recent heavy rains did not cause delays.

“We have begun trucking the last ‘connection’ pipes to locations along the pipeline where, over the next few weeks, they will be used to join the pipeline to the major infrastructure, including the Toolangi tunnel, Castella bridge and the pump stations.”

Pipe connection works are not considered part of production pipe-laying, which was completed on 26 August. The pipe connection at the Sugarloaf Reservoir chute is already completed.

“Reinstatement work is also progressing well with about 60km of land sown with seed,” Mr Clifford said.

The Sugarloaf Pipeline project remains on budget.

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#### **About the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance**

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