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## Pipeline works at Goulburn River near completion



Melbourne Water Project Director, Rod Clifford, and Alliance Construction Manager, Matt Dinnison, push the button to raise the gates and allow water to flow into Sugarloaf Pipeline inlet structure.

A temporary steel wall separating the Goulburn River from one of two pump stations on the Sugarloaf Pipeline has been removed, allowing testing of equipment to begin before it becomes operational.

Melbourne Water Project Director, Rod Clifford, said the milestone also marked the start of reinstatement works on the bank of the Goulburn River, including tree planting.

“During construction, we kept the river out of the pump station by building a steel wall and installing automatic gates,” said Mr Clifford. “The wall has now been removed and the gates opened, which has flooded the inlet structure at the pump station.

“This is an important step as it allows us to make sure this part of the structure is operating correctly before we’re able to actually start pumping,” said Mr Clifford.

Testing includes checks for leaks, performance of electrical motors, valve operation, pressure testing, electrical and emergency shutdown systems.

“It’s important to be clear that there is no water being pumped from the river yet, and it won’t be until the conditions set out by the Victorian Government, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Goulburn–Murray Water and the Australian Government are fully complied with,” added Mr Clifford.

Elsewhere on the project works are progressing well. The power substation that will provide power to the Sugarloaf Pipeline pump stations was recently connected to the electrical grid.

Reinstatement along the Sugarloaf Pipeline corridor continues to make significant progress with thousands of plants in the ground and all paddocks sown with pasture.

Construction of the Sugarloaf Pipeline remains on budget and ahead of schedule.

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

The Sugarloaf Pipeline project is part of the Victorian Government’s plan to save, create and share water in the face of drought and climate change. Melbourne Water, GHD, SKM and John Holland are working as an alliance to deliver this \$750 million project, which will link the Goulburn River near Yea with the Sugarloaf Reservoir.