



## VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

### WORKS NOTIFICATION

The Victorian Desalination Project involves the construction of an 84km pipeline to connect the desalination plant to Melbourne and regional water networks.

The joint venture building the pipeline, Thiess Degremont Nacap, advises that the following works are about to commence.

DATE OF NOTIFICATION	4 December 2011
WHAT'S HAPPENING?	To accommodate the length of the pipeline, hydrotesting will be carried out in four stages. Stages one to three have been successfully completed. Stage four (the final stage) will soon be commencing between Stewart Road(Kernot) and the desalination plant site (near Wonthaggi).
WHEN?	Stage four hydrotesting will commence in the coming week.
WHAT'S INVOLVED?	Hydrotesting involves the pipe being filled with water and then pressurised. This is a standard quality test to confirm that the pipeline is fit for operation. The pipeline will be safely disinfected with chlorine. Hydrotesting involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A small work site has been established near Talinga Court in Berwick. From this location, personnel will fill the pipeline with water, add chlorine and carry out water quality testing.</li> <li>• The pipeline will be filled with water in sections and then pressurised.</li> <li>• Throughout the hydrotest, inspection crews will travel along the pipeline either on foot or in light vehicles, inspecting valves and other pipeline infrastructure. Some minor noise from machinery may be experienced in the test area and there may be a requirement for limited lighting if personnel need to carry out any night work.</li> <li>• Minor construction works to connect sections of pipeline that have been successfully hydrotested.</li> </ul>
WHAT SHOULD THE COMMUNITY BE AWARE OF?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because this is the first time that the pipeline will be filled with water, air valves located along the pipeline will emit a hissing or whooshing sound - a normal function as air is pushed out of the pipeline. The noise will stop once the pipeline is full of water. The air valves will then only operate periodically.</li> <li>• There may be a requirement for limited lighting if hydrotesting personnel need to carry out any work at night. Public access to the works area is not permitted</li> <li>• Approved plans are in place for this work</li> </ul>
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