



PIPELINE PROJECT

WHY HASN'T THE PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION STARTED YET?

This is a large project. We are accelerating the process as much as we can in an effort to start construction as soon as possible.

WHEN WILL THE PIPELINE PROJECT REACH COMPLETION?

The pipeline project is planned to reach completion for water to be turned on by Christmas 2024 (note this is an estimate only).

WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST OF THE PIPELINE PROJECT AND WHO IS PAYING?

The total project cost is approximately \$49.6 million. The pipeline is being paid for by the Queensland Government (\$40.4 million), Federal Government (\$3.5 million) and Council (\$5.7 million).

WILL OUR WATER BILLS GO UP TO COVER THE COST OF THE PIPELINE?

No – the cost to construct the pipeline will not impact water and sewerage rates for residents. However, general increases may or may not occur irrespective of the project.

WHAT MATERIALS ARE BEING USED FOR THE PIPE?

The pipeline will be a combination of DICL (ductile iron concrete lined) pipes, HDP (high density polyethylene) plastic pipe and PVC pipe. The pipes will be laid mostly underground, approximately one metre below ground.

WILL THE PIPELINE GO THROUGH PRIVATE PROPERTIES?

No – the revised pipeline will not go through any private properties.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT?

The pipeline project is being fast-tracked, which means design, procurement and selection of contractors are being worked on simultaneously to ensure the timely delivery of the project.

- Pipeline designs are currently in progress
- Tender for the pipes have closed
- Pipeline materials are due to arrive in February 2023
- Construction tenders will close in December 2022
- Construction contractor due to be appointed in early 2023.

WHAT IS THE COST OF CARTING WATER TO MOUNT MORGAN?

Council is currently paying approximately \$5 million per year on water carting.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE OF WORKS FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION?

The pipeline construction will occur in multiple work fronts at the same time, as follows:

- Construct 4km (approx.) at the Mount Morgan end of the pipeline
- Construct 13km (approx.) from the Gracemere end of the pipeline
- Construct the remaining 11km (approx.) including Razorback Road, three pump stations and two reservoirs.

WHERE DOES THE ALIGNMENT FOR THE PIPELINE GO?

The alignment will use the existing road reserves along the following roads:

From Lucas Street pump station along Lucas Street > Johnson Road > McEvoy Road > Four Mile Road > Moonmerra Road > Razorback Road > Creek Street > Old Baree Road > Baree Road > East Street extended > crossing the Dee River > Black Street > and finish at the South Reservoir.

It is expected that further minor adjustments during the construction phase may adjust these routes to avoid existing underground services.





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WHY DID THE ALIGNMENT CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL ROUTE?

An alternate route was identified and will be used as it is more direct, saves 1.5km in pipeline materials and construction, and eliminates time consuming approval processes that were previously required from statutory authorities.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY DRIVEWAY IS IMPACTED DURING CONSTRUCTION?

If any driveway is impacted, Council will reinstate the driveway to its previous state (before and after photographic records will be taken).

WILL THIS PROJECT CREATE MORE LOCAL JOBS?

Those working on the project will create more activity in the region which will have flow on economic benefits for the local economy. This project will also create direct and indirect job and training opportunities.

I'VE HEARD THE DAM WALL WILL BE DEMOLISHED ONCE THE PIPELINE HAS BEEN BUILT. IS THIS TRUE?

No - the dam is not connected to any works associated with the Mount Morgan pipeline project.

WILL COUNCIL KEEP TRUCKING WATER TO MOUNT MORGAN UNTIL THE PIPELINE PROJECT IS COMPLETED?

Yes - Council has made a commitment to provide Mount Morgan with drinking water and will continue trucking water to the community until the pipeline is finished and the taps are turned on.

WILL WATER RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE?

Current water restrictions will remain in place until the pipeline is complete and water is turned on.

WILL NEW SERVICE ACCESS ROADS BE REQUIRED FOR THE ROUTE?

No - the pipeline will be in existing road reserves.

WILL YOU BE REMOVING TREES AS PART OF THE PROJECT?

Council is using existing, cleared road reserves for the pipeline, and trees will only be removed in unavoidable circumstances.

CAN I CONNECT MY WATER SUPPLY TO THE PIPELINE?

No - Council cannot allow any private connections to the pipeline due to the varying and unpredictable high-water pressures that will flow through it. The pipeline is known as a trunk main, designed only to transport large volumes of water.

WHAT WILL THE IMPACTS TO TRAFFIC BE DURING CONSTRUCTION?

There will be some impacts to local traffic however we will aim to keep disruptions minimal. Additional traffic guidance will be in place where relevant.

DID YOU KNOW?

Council will also be providing a water offtake at Moonmera reservoir (not from the pipeline). It will be used exclusively by the Rural Fire Service during any fire emergencies to increase community safety and wellbeing.

Once the pipeline is up and running, water carting won't need to take place anymore. This will result in less wear and tear on the roads and an end to the additional traffic caused by the water trucks.

Further information is available on our website:
[rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/CouncilServices/
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