



# Rehabilitation

GWMWater has set standards which contractors working on the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project must achieve to rehabilitate work areas. These standards must be met before, during and after construction.

## Monitoring

GWMWater will monitor pipeline installation and rehabilitation to ensure that all work complies with these standards as well as with agreed landowner requirements. As part of this process, contractors will liaise closely with landowners to ensure construction phase issues are managed appropriately. Landowners can raise issues which are not addressed to their satisfaction with GWMWater. The contractor will also need to obtain a signed release indicating that the landowner is satisfied with the state of their property when work is complete and that all dealings with the contractor have been completed satisfactorily.

## Standards

GWMWater's standards for work on private land include:

- > The contractor will be provided with a list which identifies specific issues that must be considered during construction for each particular parcel of land. This list includes issues that landowners raised during consultation with GWMWater about land access.
- > A *Contractor Environmental Management Plan* identifies procedures to deal with issues such as weed management, cleaning of machinery, storage and use of fuels, stockpile sites, traffic management, soil compaction and fencing.
- > Topsoil will be cleared and stockpiled in windrows before construction.

- > Any imported bedding and backfill material, such as sand or quarry dust, is to be of approved quality and tested for contaminants and weeds.
- > The spoil across the top of the trench can be left level or slightly raised depending on landholder requirements.
- > All excess trench spoil will be carted to an agreed location on the property as fill or, if necessary, removed from the property altogether.
- > Previously graded-off topsoil will be regraded back across the disturbed area.
- > The contractor is required to reseed the disturbed area with an agreed seed mixture. The landholder may negotiate variations to the timing and process of revegetation.
- > Temporary gates and fencing will be removed and permanent fencing reinstalled.
- > The contractor will be responsible for repairing any trench slump or fence defects for two years after work is completed. GWMWater will assume responsibility after two years.



This land was worked and cropped following pipeline construction.

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## Main trunk

With the main trunk section of the pipeline, specific guidelines cover backfilling after the pipe has been placed in the trench. Spoil material taken out of the trench will be graded back into it. This is a progressive process, with a detection tape placed above the pipe as the spoil is progressively added. The backfilled trench material is compacted and tested to ensure a required standard is achieved. Compaction is critical to avoid the risk of subsidence around the large diameter pipe, as well as to address landholder concerns about future working of the area.

Further information regarding rehabilitation is available by contacting the **Horsham Piping It Office** on **1300 659 961** or by dropping into the office at **42-44 Kalkee Road**.

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