



Security of supply

Securing water supply is a vital aspect of a new piped system

The Wimmera Mallee Pipeline system is set to improve the current level of security of water supply for all users.

The current Wimmera Mallee stock and domestic channel system can only provide a full allocation of water three years out of four without applying restrictions, and these restrictions impact more on some users than others.

The pipeline design team has confirmed that most users will receive un-restricted supplies of water 96 years out of 100 after the new supply system is established.

Future water restrictions

It is impossible to build a water supply system that guarantees our customers will never have to face restrictions. For this reason, it is important that the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project takes into account how to manage future water restrictions.

GWMWater will talk extensively to communities about their priorities for towns, farms, the environment and recreational lakes. Based on those discussions, priorities and guidelines for future restrictions that the Wimmera Mallee region may require will be developed.

Security within the pipeline system

Not only is security of supply important from year-to-year, but it is also important during critical high-demand periods. To enable best supply to customers, storage will be required within the system.

For farms, this means that landholders will be required to install a storage tank that provides three days' supply in the event of system maintenance or a system breakdown. This storage will also help smooth out the peak demand from stock during the hottest part of the day in summer.

For towns, storage will be provided that assures supply in the event of a system breakdown. These 'balancing' storages will provide backup to the town, and also the surrounding rural area serviced from this town storage.

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