



Lalbert farmer praises pipeline

Lalbert cereal and sheep farmer Frank Fogarty has been connected to piped water from the Murray River in the Cannie Ridge section of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline for about 15 months.

He said the reliability of supply and quality of water received had been good.

"It has been a huge advantage for crop spraying and we have no work involved in dam or channel cleaning," he said.

As president of the Cannie Ridge Pipeline Group he was heavily involved in discussing and working through pipeline issues during the lead up to pipeline installation.

He said one positive the Cannie Ridge area had achieved was having a number of tanks strategically placed throughout the system. This provided a good water supply system for the Country Fire Authority.

He said that forming a group to liaise with authorities before the pipeline was installed had been a good way to obtain information.

"People were very much informed about what was happening with the pipeline and what they would need to do when it was installed," he said.

Mr Fogarty said everybody in his area was pleased to have water available given the region's run of dry years.

"With the weather so dry and the danger of not getting a dam fill, we are pleased to have a piped supply," he said.

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

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