

# AN UPDATE FROM AQUASURE

Since my last update, the days have become shorter and the nights noticeably cooler.

For the construction team, this is driving an even greater sense of urgency to complete critical components of work before winter sets in.

On the desalination plant site, earthworks are nearing completion and the dunes that will frame the entry to Victoria's new desalination plant are now clearly discernible.

These dunes are central to the architectural philosophy of the plant, winding their way through the plant site and ultimately becoming a living roof, which will house the desalination facilities.

Foundations for these facilities are well advanced and you may have noticed the cranes at work from the Bass Highway, lifting structural steel into place to form the building frame and roof profile.

This week, the first 30-metre tower crane on site will start operating, providing the best combination of height and lifting capacity. Another similar crane will arrive soon. The cranes of course will be removed as soon as their work is complete.

On the pipeline, more than 7.5km of pipe has been laid and 50km of clearing and grading work has been completed. We are now starting to lay conduit for the underground power cable.

With so much activity happening right across the project, some people have talked to me about a noticeable increase in traffic.

This is an important factor and we work hard to minimise any disturbance to others.

We work very closely with the relevant Councils and VicRoads and participate in a Traffic Management Liaison Group, in which we discuss upcoming works and plans to minimise traffic impacts.

Over the coming weeks, there will be a number of temporary road closures along the pipeline route, plus some over-dimensional loads arriving at various work sites that will require additional planning and management.

We issue regular Works Notifications to advise the community in advance of these works taking place and I'd encourage you to visit our website to view the details.

Regards



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