

VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

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LANG LANG PARKS PIPE WORKERS

Lang Lang Showgrounds is set to benefit from the Victorian Desalination Project after entering into an agreement to provide parking for pipeline construction workers.

The agreement between the Lang Lang Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society and the construction contractor building the pipeline, Thiess Degrémont Nacap, will see workers parking at the showgrounds and travelling to work by bus.

In return, Thiess Degrémont Nacap will upgrade the showgrounds' main entry, internal roads and carpark.

Jason Spears, Project Director for Thiess Degrémont Nacap, said the agreement would minimise traffic and parking impacts on the local area.

"Maximising safety and minimising impacts on the local community are key objectives for this project," said Mr Spears. "Providing a central location for our workforce to park will help us achieve that. The Lang Lang Showgrounds has proven to be the perfect location and in exchange, we're really pleased to be able to help improve the grounds."

Alan Light, President of the Lang Lang Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society agreed. "This is a win-win for the Society and the community," he said. "We are always looking at ways to improve the showgrounds and this agreement is a great way to achieve this. The local community also benefits by the reduced traffic in the area."

The Victorian Desalination Project involves the construction of an 84km pipeline to connect the desalination plant to Melbourne and, via other connections, regional water networks. Work crews have been busily installing temporary fencing, building access roads and delivering pipes to the pipeline easement in preparation for pipe laying, which began near Berwick earlier in the month.

The agreement will not impact on events scheduled at the showgrounds for the remainder of 2010.

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About Thiess Degrémont Nacap

Thiess Degrémont Nacap is the pipeline construction contractor for the \$3.5 billion Victorian Desalination Project. The biggest infrastructure project in the state's history will deliver Australia's largest desalination plant by the end of December 2011, securing a source of water for Melbourne and regional communities that is independent of rainfall.

Thiess Degrémont Nacap is a joint venture between three companies - **Thiess**, one of Australia's largest and most trusted construction and services companies, **Degrémont**, a world leader in reverse-osmosis desalination technology and **Nacap Australia**, a leading pipeline construction company.