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Johnsonville water main replacement

East Gippsland Water customers from Johnsonville through to Nowa Nowa stand to benefit from the replacement of an ageing 500 metre section of water supply pipeline over the coming weeks.

The section to be replaced is in Harmans Road Johnsonville. This will help ensure the long-term reliability and efficiency of water services for the immediate community as well as customers in Swan Reach, Kalimna, Lakes Entrance, Lake Bunga, Lake Tyers Beach, Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust and Nowa Nowa.

Preparation work is already underway, with a bypass section of pipeline to be brought into operation temporarily from next Monday (29 June) for approximately three weeks to maintain water supplies to customers while the main replacement work itself is carried out.

To enable the switch to the bypass pipeline, it will be necessary to temporarily turn off the water supply at various locations by the Princes Highway between Johnsonville and Kalimna next Monday, for approximately four hours. All affected households between Kalimna and Bennetts Brook, as well as in Johnsonville (Harmans Rd and Bumberrah Rd) and the Swan Reach area (Whelans Rd, Cunningham Rd, Cunningham Ct, Old Orbost Rd and Tambo Upper Rd), have been informed in advance by letter.

There will be a further brief shut off of the water supply early in July while the switch back to the water supply pipeline is made.

Said East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond: "We thank all those affected for their cooperation and every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience."

Anyone with queries about the project should contact Glenn Johnson at East Gippsland Water's Bairnsdale office on 1800 671 841, or email egw@egwater.vic.gov.au.

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