

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Replacing a section of water supply pipeline near Kalimna**

Work is set to get underway next week on replacing an ageing section of East Gippsland Water pipeline running next to and under the Princes Highway near Kalimna.

The section of water supply pipeline involved runs close to the Kalimna West Road intersection with the highway. Replacing it will help ensure the long-term reliability and efficiency of water services for the nearby communities of Kalimna and Lakes Entrance, as well as customers in Lake Bunga, Lake Tyers Beach, Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust and Nowa Nowa.

From Wednesday 4 November, for approximately four weeks, there will need to be traffic management measures in place along a short stretch of the Princes Highway near Kalimna Road West, so that trucks and excavation machinery can operate safely. Motorists using this part of the highway should allow extra time for their journey for the period of the project.

Said East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond: "We apologise in advance for any inconvenience and every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum.

"Replacing the ageing section of pipeline is necessary and will be for the long-term benefit of customers. It will reduce the risk of future pipeline failures in the immediate area and the likelihood of interruptions to customers' water supply."

"During this financial year we will be investing around \$8 million on a program of major capital projects, including this project and the replacement of ageing pipelines and other assets in towns across East Gippsland. Upgrades are also planned to optimise our water treatment facilities at Woodglen, Omeo and Cann River."

In addition there will be a focus on sewerage services. This includes further progress on a significant upgrade to the Bairnsdale Wastewater Treatment Plant. Sewer network enhancements are planned for Lakes Entrance and Omeo, as well as significant irrigation and reuse upgrades at a number of wastewater treatment sites around our region.

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