

# Lake Mokoan Project

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Sustainability and  
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As part of the *Our Water Our Future* action plan, Lake Mokoan will be returned to its natural state as an important wetland system.

The Lake Mokoan Project consists of two main parts, maintaining reliability of water supply to water users reliant on the Lake, and the rehabilitation of the site following decommissioning and reinstatement of a more natural water regime to the area.

## Water Supply Reliability Offset Package

The offset package, combined with the operation of Lake Nillahcootie, will maintain the Broken System water supply reliability at current levels after Lake Mokoan is decommissioned. Investigations have narrowed down a large range of individual measures into four different packages of options.

Following a nine week period of consultation with water users on these packages, ending in December 2006, a final offset package is now to be developed during the next two months. The final package will include a range of works and efficiency improvements, combined with a volume of water purchase.

## Lake Mokoan Diverters

Water users, who currently take water directly from Lake Mokoan, are to be provided with a piped water supply system. Following the lake's decommissioning direct diversion from the lake will not be possible.

The main components of the new scheme will involve a pump station, a major pipeline along the north side of the existing lake site and a small earthen balancing storage located at the end of the pipeline. Engineering consultants URS Australia have been engaged to finalise the design of the scheme over the next two months.

Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) is also assessing expressions of interests from contractors to undertake the construction of the pipeline, which will begin as soon as the design is completed.

## Tungamah Pipeline Scheme

The \$20.4 million scheme is nearing completion and will provide year round water supply for the first time to 400 properties over 63,000 ha. The scheme replaces 520 km of leaky channels, which previously were losing 4,800 megalitres a year. This scheme is a major part of the **Water Supply Reliability Offset Package**

## Lake Mokoan Future Land Use Strategy

The Lake Mokoan Future Land Use Strategy was released for public comment in October 2006. The four-week consultation period included three community information sessions and also meetings with various individuals and groups within the community.

Issues raised in the public consultation period were reviewed by the Steering Committee and will be presented to the Minister for Environment, Water and Climate Change.

## Wetlands Technical Reference Group

A Wetland group has been established to provide technical knowledge and assistance in the restoration of the Winton Wetlands.

The Wetland Technical Reference Group will be involved in the development of various management plans recommended in the Future Land Use Strategy. These include lake drawn down, fish management, restoration and monitoring plans.

If you would like more information please contact the Benalla office on (03) 5761 1611, visit the website and/or come in and meet the project staff in person to discuss the details of the project.

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