

# Monthly Update - March 2008

Department of  
Sustainability and  
Environment

## Future Land Use Strategy

The Lake Mokoan Future Land Use Steering Committee submitted to the Victorian Government the draft Future Land Use Strategy (FLUS), along with a number of additional recommendations. The Strategy and recommendations are currently being considered by the Minister for Water.

## Lake Mokoan Diverters Pipeline

Tendering for supply of the pumps and other parts of the project, including supply and installation of pipelines, storage construction and pump station construction, is underway.

Positive feedback has been received from irrigators regarding the pipeline and storage design and the proposed service agreement and operational procedures for the pipeline.

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## Reliability Offset Package

Discussions between the VFF, DSE and G-MW have commenced to achieve the best possible outcome for irrigators in the finalisation of the water supply reliability offset measures.

These discussions include consideration of what might be a reasonable value for any water entitlements to be purchased. Engagement of a water broker to purchase water entitlements has been placed on hold pending the outcome of the VFF discussions.

Design of facilities for the remote control and monitoring of key water regulating structures and catchment stream gauging stations, on the Broken River and Creek and the Mokoan Inlet channel, is continuing.

Tenders for contracts for the upgrade of controls and for remote operation and monitoring of the

Lake Nillahcootie outlet structures are currently being assessed. Site works are expected to commence in May.

Installation of approximately 70 upgraded diversion flow meters within the Broken system has commenced and will continue over the next 6 months. These meters will help to improve system operation and reduce water losses.

## Flood Impacts

Benalla Rural City Council, the Benalla & District Flood Awareness Group, DSE, GBCMA and G-MW have commenced discussions and review of available information to better understand flooding in Benalla and address community concerns.

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