

SUGARLOAF PIPELINE PROJECT

TEST PIT & DRILL INVESTIGATION SITE

The Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance is conducting investigative digging and drilling at this site to further assess soil, rock and groundwater properties. Results of these investigations will help determine the most suitable design and construction methods for the pipeline's low-lift pump station.

Investigation works will involve:

- digging three test pits 1 x 4 x 5 metres
- drilling 19 bores of between 6 and 35 metres, and
- installing 6 observation wells 20 cm in diameter.

They will take approximately:

- 2 days to excavate the test pits
- 3 weeks to complete drilling, and
- 1 week to conduct groundwater investigations.

All necessary permits and authorisations have been obtained to allow this work to proceed. The Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance is authorised to conduct this work on behalf of Melbourne Water.

A work area has been fenced off around the site to ensure safety for the public and project staff, and to provide security for works and equipment.

Please note the following relevant provisions contained in the *Water Act 1989*:

Section 133

- (2) An officer of an Authority or an authorised person may, subject to sub-section (4) and after the Authority has given 7 days' notice in writing to the occupier, enter any land and carry out on that land any works that the Authority is empowered to carry out.
- (3) An Authority need not give the notice required by sub-section (2) –
 - a) If the occupier consents to the entry and the carrying out of the works; or
 - b) In an emergency.
- (4) An officer or authorized person must not, despite sub-sections (1) and (2), enter land that is used primarily for residential purposes except between 7.30am and 6pm unless –
 - a) The Authority has reasonable grounds for believing that this Act, the regulations or the Authority's by-laws are not being complied with by the occupier; or
 - b) The occupier consents.

Section 288

- (1) A person must not, without the consent of the Authority or without any other lawful authority, destroy, damage, remove, alter or in any way interfere with any works or other property (whether real or personal) belonging to or under the control and management of an Authority.

Section 292

A person must not obstruct, threaten, abuse, insult or intimidate –

- (a) an officer of an Authority in the execution of his or her duty under this Act; or
- (b) any person lawfully performing duties under this Act, whether or not for or on behalf of an Authority; or
- (c) any person lawfully assisting an officer of an Authority in the execution of his or her duty under this Act.

