

Major Hobart water pipeline receives upgrade

Work to upgrade one of Hobart's main water distribution pipelines is underway, improving reliability of supply for customers well into the future.

The \$3 million project is replacing a section of the Lake Fenton Pipeline that feeds water from the Mt Field National Park to customers in the greater Hobart area.

Capital Delivery Office (CDO) Delivery Manager Chris Le Grange said the pipeline section being replaced is almost 85 years old and 810 metres in length.

“Renewing this pipeline will increase its reliability and reduce unplanned service interruptions for our customers,” Mr Le Grange said.

Constructed in 1937, the Fenton line begins at the Mt Field National Park, taking water from Lake Fenton.

“The water then travels around 120 kilometres, via various pipes and pump stations to our customers in North, South and West Hobart, Lenah Valley,

Chigwell, Glenorchy, Montrose, and Berriedale,” he said.

This pipeline has failed in the past, causing interruption of water supply to customers.

“By replacing this part of the pipeline, we are ensuring that a critical asset remains operational and can continue to supply our customers with clean and safe drinking water,” he said.

This work forms part of TasWater's capital works program and represents a \$1.8 billion dollar investment over the 10 years leading up to 2026.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of September 2021.

TasWater CDO Delivery Manager Chris Le Grange on site at the Lake Fenton Pipeline renewal project

