

# Lake View Branch Canal Expansion Project



The Lake View Branch Canal (LVBC) expansion project will enable us to deliver the water customers want when they require it, significantly improving the efficiency of the LVBC and supporting farm viability.

## The benefits of these works include:

- Improved water supply reliability to customers, and
- Increased flow rate to meet change in customer demands

## What are the expansion works?

The first component was delivered during the 2019 winter works period and involved the upgrade of regulators, bridges and escapes, and the second component is being delivered in the 2020 winter works period.

The 2020 component of LVBC expansion works include:

- Increase the capacity of twelve regulators along the LVBC, the removal of one regulator (in full) and the removal of residual piers on a further redundant regulator.
- Upgrade seven bridges/ access culverts along the LVBC and remove six access culverts to mitigate restrictions in line with the MI bridges and culverts guidelines.
- Increase the height of the sills on the escapes, areas of low banks and some sumps along the channel.

## When will the works be completed?

The 2020 LVBC winter works will be in 3 stages, with a watering period for around 1 week in between each stage.

Each stage is expected to take around 3 weeks to complete.

We will also be conducting sump raising, channel raising and automation in conjunction with construction periods to minimise any further impacts.

During each stage we will be able to hold water in pools that are not under construction, for limited supply for frost prevention and domestic access.

We will also be able to supply water to Stage 2 customers during Stages 1 and 3, as normal.

The 3 stages are:

- Stage 1: Woods Regulator to Poly lined section- 25 May – 22 June (Water Available 23 – 28 June)
- Stage 2: Jones Regulator to Nericon Regulator- 29 June – 20 July (Water Available 21 – 26 July)
- Stage 3: Apolonis Regulator to Scarfones Regulator- 27 July – 14 August

We will be in contact with customers with more specific information regarding these works closer to the date.

## Who pays for expansion?

These increased capacity works are a result of customer interest in increasing the capacity of this system and will be funded jointly by customers and MI. Expansion works are outside the scope of the government modernisation funding.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information on this project or contact MI Customer Services on (02) 6962 0200.

