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Work commences on water-saving pipeline in Central Queensland

Work started on the Stag Creek Pipeline this month, a water-saving initiative between CS Energy, InterGen Australia (joint owners of the Callide Power Station) and SunWater.

The \$18m pipeline, located in Central Queensland, will augment the existing Awoonga-Callide Pipeline, which transports water from Awoonga Dam for use by the Callide Power Stations near Biloela.

The new Stag Creek Pipeline will carry water for 15 km from Stag Creek Gorge, along Callide Creek, to Callide Dam, eliminating natural losses from this section of the watercourse, and conserving 3,000 megalitres per year.

The pipeline will be built by Queensland firm JJ McDonalds and Sons, who commenced work this month. The project is planned for completion by November 2005.

CS Energy Chief Executive Mark Chatfield said the water conservation project is a positive development for both the company and the region.

"We recognise that water is quickly becoming a precious global resource," Mr Chatfield said.

"We're making every effort to make our resource usage as efficient as possible, by investing in best practice technology in our power stations to conserve water, and by ensuring water loss is kept to an absolute minimum," he said.

InterGen Australia Chief Executive Officer David Nelson, said the project reinforced InterGen's commitment to the region.

"Moving forward with this pipeline is a critical initiative for the long-term benefit of the region and we are pleased to see our commitment being realised", Mr Nelson said.

The State's leading bulk water provider SunWater, will oversee the construction of the project and will own and operate it once completed.

SunWater CEO Peter Noonan echoed Mr Chatfield's sentiment, stating the pipeline will help guarantee water supplies for power industry customers and in the process create long-term water savings.

"This project represents a significant investment in the reliable supply of water for the future and highlights the increasing focus on one of our most valuable natural resources," Mr Noonan said.

“SunWater has secured the relevant water, riverine protection, and vegetation management approvals and has commenced measures to protect cycad populations in the area and continues to work closely with the Gangulu people to locate and relocate cultural material,” he said.

Initial construction activity will include installing wash down facilities to prevent the spread of noxious weeds and upgrading access roads and clearing.

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