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New pipeline to save megalitres in Central Queensland

Water started flowing in the new Stag Creek pipeline last week, a \$19 million water saving project funded by the joint owners of the Callide Power Plant, CS Energy and InterGen Australia, and Queensland's bulk water provider, SunWater.

The pipeline carries water from Stag Creek Gorge, along Callide Creek, to the Callide Dam for use by the Callide Power Station. It is estimated about 3000 megalitres of water will be saved each year as the pipeline will eliminate natural water losses from this section of the creek.

CS Energy Chief Executive, Mark Chatfield said that it was vital to the region that strategies were put in place now to manage water resources for the long term.

"We are conscious that as a major water user in the state we need to lead the way and have employed best practice technology to conserve water in our new power stations.

"We are also investigating the use of recycled water in other power stations around Queensland," Mr Chatfield said.

InterGen Australia's CEO, David Nelson, said "the Stag Creek Pipeline adds to Callide C's high environmental credentials which is common to InterGen's fleet of assets."

The pipeline was constructed by Queensland firm JJ McDonalds and Sons. The nine-month project to build the pipeline started in March this year, with SunWater overseeing the construction process.

SunWater CEO Peter Noonan said the project represented a significant investment in the reliable supply of water for the future and highlighted the increasing focus on one of our most valuable natural resources

"The new pipeline will reduce seepage and evaporation and enable efficient distribution of water to industrial customers," Mr Noonan said.

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