



The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

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MINISTER OPENS HIGHLANDS SOURCE PROJECT

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson today officially opened the Highlands Source Project which will provide essential infrastructure and a long-awaited secure water supply for the Goulburn community.

Ms Hodgkinson was joined by the Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Geoff Kettle at the official opening.

The Highlands Source Project is a major initiative designed to secure Goulburn's water supply. It involves an 81 kilometre water pipeline from Wingecarribee Reservoir to link the Sydney Catchment Authority Water Supply to Goulburn.

"The NSW and Federal Governments are each contributing \$20 million towards this \$50 million project with Goulburn Mulwaree Council contributing \$10 million," Ms Hodgkinson said.

Construction of the pipeline was completed in September 2011.

Ms Hodgkinson acknowledged the various stakeholders who assisted in the completion of the project including Leed Engineering who constructed the pipeline, Ledonne Constructions who constructed the pump station, the designers and contract managers GHD and the project manager Hunter Water Australia.

Member for Goulburn, Pru Goward, said the completion of the Highlands Source Project was an important win for the local community.

"The need for this project became apparent during the recent drought when declining dam levels prompted concerns that our local water supply might fail," Ms Goward said.

"My constituents have had to endure harsh water restrictions for more than seven years so a long term solution had to be found and I'm pleased to see that our desires for this project have been fulfilled."

Ms Hodgkinson said the NSW Government is committed to supporting Local Water Utilities in the provision of important water and sewerage infrastructure throughout rural and regional NSW.