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North-south pipeline not delayed, Vic Govt says

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The Victorian Government is denying claims the north-south water pipeline project is at a standstill.

The Liberal member for Murray, Sharman Stone, says the project has stalled, and all work should stop until environmental effects are known.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett has approved of the State Government's plans for a Project Impact Assessment, but he is still to give the final seal of approval to the project.

State Planning Minister Justin Madden says there is no delay to the project and the impact assessment will make sure the environment is not damaged.

"If people have issues in relation to any component of the project, they can contribute to that impact assessment report," he said.

"I would be encouraging people to have input into that report and to make representations accordingly."