



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts**

**Notification of  
REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled  
action**

**DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH**

Sugarloaf Pipeline Project, Goulburn River to Sugarloaf Reservoir, Victoria (EPBC  
2008/3960)

This decision is made under Section 75 and Section 87 of the *Environment Protection and  
Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**Proposed action**

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<b>proposed action</b>	To construct and operate a water pipeline and associated infrastructure to transfer up to 75 gigalitres of water per year from the Goulburn River, near Yea, to the Sugarloaf Reservoir, Victoria.
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**Referral decision: Controlled action**

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<b>status of proposed action</b>	The proposed action is a controlled action.  <i>The project will require assessment and approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 before it can proceed.</i>
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<b>relevant controlling provisions</b>	The project is likely to have a significant impact on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 &amp; 18A)</li></ul>
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<b>designated proponent</b>	Melbourne Water
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**Decision on assessment approach**

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<b>assessment approach</b>	The project will be assessed by accredited assessment.
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**Person authorised to make decision**

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<b>Name and position</b>	Peter Burnett First Assistant Secretary Approvals & Wildlife Division
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**signature**

**date of decision**

*13 February 2008*

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