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Second gas pipeline to Torquay

AusNet Services has commenced construction of a second natural gas pipeline from Geelong to Torquay in February, reinforcing the supply capacity for residents and business in the region.

Scheduled for completion mid-2015, the \$2.9 million project will significantly eliminate the risk of supply interruptions during peak winter periods and help meet new connection growth in the areas.

AusNet Services General Manager Asset management, Alistair Parker, said the new pipeline will future-proof the gas network in the burgeoning areas south of Geelong and Torquay.

“As the natural gas network owner in western Victoria, AusNet Services continues to invest in key infrastructure to provide a safe and reliable gas supply to our customers,” Mr Parker said.

“With thousands of new homes being built in Armstrong Creek, Torquay and Jan Juc, there has been a strong up-take of gas for general heating, cooking and hot water systems.

“The new 11 kilometre pipeline will help secure the supply of gas to the residents during peak winter periods and provide capacity for up to an expected 5,000 additional homes in Torquay and Jan Juc,” he said.

The construction works, predominantly along the alignment of Horseshoe Bend Road in Mount Duneed, started early this month and is scheduled for completion mid-2015.

In planning the project, AusNet Services has undertaken a Biodiversity Assessment (Flora & fauna) and a complex Cultural Heritage Management Plan, with both reports submitted to local councils.

Directional drilling will be utilised throughout the majority of the project to protect existing services within road reserves and minimise impacts to the local flora and fauna.

In addition to the new pipeline to Torquay, AusNet Services is preparing to extend its reticulated natural gas network to Bannockburn and Winchelsea, as part of the State Government’s gas extension program.

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