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INFORMATION FOR LANDHOLDERS REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL WATER PIPELINE ROUTE

Iluka is assessing a potential water pipeline route as part of prefeasibility studies for the Wimmera Project, which aims to mine and process a mineral sands and rare earths deposit north of Toolondo Reservoir.

The pipeline would enable lluka to source water from Rocklands by extending our existing pipeline near the Douglas mine. The potential route for the new part of the pipeline (see map) appears to meet some of the criteria, but surveys on the ground are required to complete the assessment.

The surveys need to occur within a one kilometre corridor around the potential pipeline route. To conduct the surveys, lluka will need to access land within the pipeline corridor. We are seeking consent from affected landholders to access their properties to conduct the surveys.

The Wimmera Project is at an early planning stage and does not yet have approvals to proceed from government or the lluka Board. Pre-feasibility studies are expected to continue through to the end of 2021. Detailed feasibility studies may follow, and run for 12 to 24 months. More information about the project and how it is being assessed is available online at <u>www.iluka.com/</u> engage/wimmera.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What surveys does lluka need to conduct to assess the potential water pipeline route?

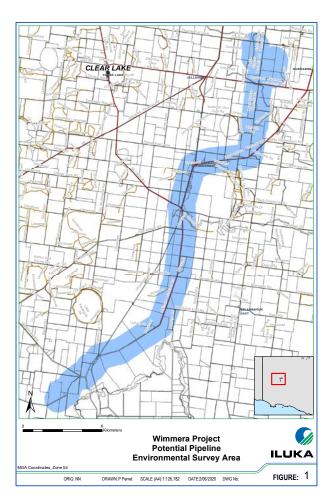
The surveys will enable assessment of the pipeline route against criteria addressing existing land use, vegetation, topography, soils and cultural heritage values. They will also help lluka to avoid or minimise impacts to landholders and other important values of the area, should the project proceed.

Does allowing surveys give authority for the pipeline to proceed?

No. Landholders control whether and when Iluka is allowed to access their land to conduct the surveys, and allowing access does not authorise the pipeline.

If the surveys prove positive, what happens then?

After the surveys and other planning work, such as engineering design, is complete, lluka will design a proposed pipeline route. At this point, we will engage with the relevant landholders again to seek an agreement for placement, construction and use of the pipeline route.



Will Iluka pay compensation to landholders on the pipeline route?

Yes. Iluka will pay landholders for access to conduct the surveys and, if the Wimmera Project proceeds, for any future agreements in relation to a pipeline. Agreements would address installation, use, maintenance and any potential decommissioning.

lluka may also consider landholder access to the pipeline should there be interest. Landholder access to the pipeline would be subject to detailed engineering and regulatory approval, and is not always possible.

How will the surveys be conducted?

The surveys will involve ecologists, archaeologists and other professionals inspecting the areas either by foot or 4WD vehicles. Survey personnel will record information, including by taking photographs, or by taking soil or water samples. They may leave monitoring equipment on the site, such as recorders to capture frog and other species calls. Biosecurity protocols are followed for any vehicle access (e.g. vehicle hygiene through pre and post access wash-downs) and a mandatory 'shut the gate mate' policy is required of all lluka personnel. In all our contact with landholders, appropriate COVID-19 protocols (i.e. social distancing) will be observed.

Typically, survey personnel would need access for short periods at a time, meaning impact on landholders' activities would be minimal.

Are multiple routes being considered or just one?

Multiple routes are being assessed. These include through private property, within the Natimuk-Hamilton Road reserve and also within the disused rail corridor. A preferred route will be determined after surveys are completed and input is received from respective landholders and regulators.

What would the pipeline look like, if it proceeded?

The current conceptual design for the pipeline is a 450mm poly pipe buried about 700mm underground, but the final design may vary.

Engineering details such as pipeline size, material, above or below ground installation, and depth of cover for below ground installation are subject to assessment of site-specific conditions, regulatory requirements, and landholder input.

During construction, it is anticipated that there would be a 16m wide disturbance footprint where the pipeline is constructed. Normal farming would be able to resume after completion of the pipeline.

Pipeline construction would occur in the drier months, subject to government approvals and controls, and subject to landholders consenting to the necessary access.

What happens next?

Iluka will contact landholders along the potential pipeline corridor to seek their consent to access for the initial surveys. If landholders provide initial consent, we will contact them again before proceeding to provide them with reasonable notice and to discuss the specific areas we would like to access. We will stay in touch with landholders during the surveys to keep them updated.

Where can I get further information?

Subject to social distancing requirements, face-to-face meetings can be arranged at landholders' properties or at Iluka's MSP Office in Hamilton, Weekdays 8:00am – 5:00pm. To arrange a meeting, please call us on 1800 305 993 or email us at wimmera.project@lluka.com.

Broader news and <u>information about the Wimmera</u> Project is available online at <u>www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera</u>.



Above ground section of Rockland water pipeline leading to buried section, showing land access and use restored.



Air valve inspection point and marker showing location of buried water pipe.



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