

The North-South (Sugarloaf) Pipeline: Melbourne – it's time to take a stand!

Sunday December 14



We must ask ourselves:

- * Do we really need it?
- * What are its impacts?
- * What else can we do to meet our water needs?

Please join our community action on the pipeline construction site in Toolangi forest

This short-sighted project will pump 75 billion litres of water a year from the Goulburn River, the major Victorian tributary of the Murray, to supply Melbourne. The media to date has shown protests and rallies by rural communities whose land and livelihoods are being damaged. But the government says the pipeline is being built to benefit us in Melbourne.

Please join us for a peaceful Walk On to the pipeline construction site to show that Melbourne people care. We do not want scarce resources drawn from dry catchments simply because the state government lacks the courage and foresight to deal with Melbourne's water needs responsibly and honestly.

When: **Sunday, December 14**

Where: **Meet at 11am SHARP corner Melba Hwy & Healesville – Kinglake Rd** (Melways Key Map, Page 10 P2 or Day Tours Page 910 Q11). We will convoy/car-pool the last few kilometres to the construction site. Allow about 70 minutes drive from inner Melbourne.

What: **We will walk on to the pipe construction site to witness the clearing of Toolangi State Forest**, and hear from locals who will explain the ecological impacts of the proposed pipeline which will cut through 12 kilometres of the forest between Glenburn and Yarra Glen. Then **join us at 1pm for a picnic by the Yea River at Glenburn** (turn left at Glenburn Hotel, follow for 100m), to catch up, ask questions and hear from people involved in the Plug the Pipe. BYO food & drink.

Aim: To **send a message to the state government** that people in Melbourne as well as country Victoria care about the real cost of this project. We do not need this \$750+ million pipeline.

- * Government should not be removing water from stressed catchments north of the Great Divide
- * There are many other more sustainable and long term options to meet our growing water needs, without this pipeline
- * Melbourne – it's time we stood up against this destructive project!

This will mark the launch of a new alliance. We will focus on opposing construction of the southern end of the pipeline, as it crashes through Toolangi State Forest and the Yarra Valley and mobilising Melbourne people on this important issue.

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Please car pool to reduce emissions. Also there is limited space to park.



**IT IS NOT TOO LATE
STOP THE SUGARLOAF PIPELINE;
START THE RIGHT WATER STRATEGY!**