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Pipeline project review up for comment

An independent environmental assessment of the planned Orange to Carcoar water pipeline has found the pipeline “is unlikely to result in a significant adverse environmental impact.”

The 134-page review by environment consultants Geolyse is now on public exhibition for 30 days for community comment.

The proposed project is a 57 kilometre 2-way underground pipeline to carry drinking-water between Orange and Carcoar, via Spring Hill, Millthorpe and Blayney. It is proposed that most of the pipeline would be built in road corridors, with only small sections in private agricultural land.

The project is being overseen by Orange City Council and Central Tablelands Water with funding worth \$21.2 million from the NSW Government’s Restart NSW Water Security for Regions program.

According to the review, the pipeline can be built “without degrading the health, diversity and productivity of the environment for future generations and without jeopardising biological diversity or ecological integrity.” The review finds the project “does not require any change to existing water access licenses”.

The review document is available online at <http://yoursay.orange.nsw.gov.au/pipelines>

The deadline for community comments is Tuesday 26 April, 2016.

The Orange to Carcoar project is one element of the larger ‘Central Tablelands Regional Water Security Pipeline Project’ that will see a pipeline built by Cabonne Council from Orange to Molong Dam, to supply drinking water to the villages of Yeoval and Cumnock.



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