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Full steam ahead for Gunbar Water Pipeline

Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) has reached a significant milestone in the \$43.7 million Wah Wah Stock & Domestic Pipeline Project with Comdain Infrastructure engaged to design, construct and commission the Gunbar Water Pipeline.

The Wah Wah Stock and Domestic Pipeline (WWSD) Project forms part of the \$149.6 million in funding MI received under Round Two of the Australian Government's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) in New South Wales.

The 280km Gunbar Water Pipeline is a major component of this project and MI Asset Delivery Manager Jody Rudd said he was looking forward to working with Comdain to deliver it.

"Comdain have already done a significant amount of work in relation to the design of the Gunbar Water Pipeline," Mr Rudd explained.

"This is a unique project for us due to its complexity and scale and we are confident that Comdain will deliver this component safely, to a high quality and on time."

Comdain is one of the largest irrigation infrastructure contractors in Australia with a strong capability in irrigation modernisation with particular expertise in design and construction of a wide variety of pipeline and pump station projects.

"We deliver major, integrated infrastructure projects that transform farming and irrigation dependent regions by improving levels of service and saving water," said Alex Marshall, General Manager of Comdain Irrigation.

Comdain has delivered over \$500 million of irrigation modernisation works since the establishment of their Irrigation business unit in 2008.

"Through our lead role on transformational irrigation projects, Comdain has developed a reputation for dependable delivery of irrigation projects in close collaboration with our clients and their customers and stakeholders," Mr Marshall said.

"This reputation has been built on our ability to drive value through innovation, and the capacity to rapidly mobilise experienced project management teams and construction crews to major projects."

Wah Wah customers will benefit through improved levels of service, with year round access to the river and bores, pressurised water supply and measured water use, which can be remotely monitored.

MI CEO Brett Jones said it isn't just Wah Wah customers who would be advantaged by the project, with all customers to benefit from operating and maintenance savings, lower future refurbishment costs and conveyance water savings, once the project is complete.

"To grow as a Company we need to continue to increase efficiency and eliminate waste."

The WWSD Project is due to be completed by April 2018.

Photo: MI CEO Brett Jones watches on as Comdain Infrastructure General Manager of Irrigation Alex Marshall signs the contract to design & construct the Gunbar Water Pipeline.

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