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### Fire service dropper pipe replaced

A 350 tonne crane was used to place one of the heaviest water pipe droppers ever installed at the coal batters in the Hazelwood Mine.

The 53-metre pipe, weighing 14 tonnes and 900mm in diameter, was placed between 3 and 5 Levels.

In addition to the crane, there was an 80 tonne manbox, crane counterweights, booms, rigging and bog mats, all brought onto site by six trucks including five semi-trailers.

Mine Superintendent, Dave Shanahan, said the project was undertaken by local contractor Lendlease with the assistance of specialist large crane operator, Sergie Cranes of Melbourne. Brendan Chessum from Lendlease took the lead site role for the pipeline's installation.

"It took weeks to plan the project and three days to complete," Dave said. "Lendlease handled the project extremely well and it was completed safely and without any injuries."

Dave said the new pipe replaced an existing pipe that was in a difficult-to-access area and had also deteriorated beyond the point of being feasible to repair.

"This dropper is part of our extensive system of fire services water pipe and is used to transfer water from one level to another in the Mine," he added.

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