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Fire services pipework enhanced

Installation of new sections of pipe will reinforce the existing extensive network of pipework in the Hazelwood Mine to ensure fire readiness.

Fire prevention and readiness is, and continues to be, a high priority across the site.

The work being done in this area is part of the overall maintenance and support of the water reticulation network for the mine.

The maintenance and upkeep of the water reticulation network will continue until the rehabilitation of the Mine has been completed and the Station demolished.

Hazelwood has a comprehensive program in place to reduce any risk of fire, even though since mining has ceased, the risk has significantly reduced.

Recently, a new section of pipeline and batter dropper was installed down the batter face from M820 to M720 Level, the final resting place of Dredgers 10 and 11.

This 600DN pipeline dropper, 45 metres in length, is part of a series of pipeline droppers installed along the Westfield western face, as well as new piping along the level, to provide ongoing security of water supply to the Mine Fire Service System.

The entire Mine Fire Service Pipeline Network - with the incorporation of batter dropper pipelines - allows for contingent water supply to be made available throughout the mine.

It can be fed from above, as Balance Tanks are located at higher elevation surrounding the Mine, or pumped from the Mine Pond System at base of Mine, according to system demand.

Hazelwood's Mine Fire Services has 18 full-time employees managing fire risk on a 24/7 basis. This team can deploy additional personnel to protect the Mine prior to any extreme weather days.

All Mine staff and contractors are trained as 'First Responders' to assist and mitigate any fire related event.

