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A more reliable gas supply for Yarraville residents \$1 million renewal project

Residents in Yarraville and surrounding areas will reap the benefits of a \$1 million gas mains replacement project to ensure a safer and more reliable gas supply in the district for years to come.

SP AusNet, the manager of the Victorian gas distribution network across central and western Victoria, is replacing and upgrading 5.6 kilometres of low pressure gas mains within and surrounding Urwin Street.

The replacement program will minimise possible supply issues and improve reliability and safety to more than 520 properties in the area.

SP AusNet Manager Gas Services, Dean Comrie said the project to replace the existing gas network with high-pressure modern polyethylene forms part of the company's annual Gas Mains Replacement Strategy to replace low pressure gas mains.

"SP AusNet takes pride in the reliability of its gas distribution network. This project forms part of a long-term effort to systematically replace cast iron mains across the existing network in our commitment to continually modernise and improve gas delivery to our customers.

"Once completed, we will see the designated low pressure mains upgraded to high pressure standard that will increase reliability and efficiency for our customers in this area," he said.

Mr Comrie said a lot of planning had been invested in this project to ensure minimal disruption to customers and residents.

"Safety is always our main priority and biggest consideration. Those property owners who may experience gas supply issues during these planned works have all been notified in advance and we are working hard to reduce any inconvenience to the public and our customers," Mr Comrie said.

In 2011/2012, SP AusNet will spend in excess of \$10 million replacing aged low pressure gas pipes. This project is anticipated to be completed by end of October 2011.

The SP AusNet gas distribution network contains around 9,497 km of distribution gas mains and transports gas to approximately 590,000 customers across central and western Victoria. Over the past few years, SP AusNet has been working with the Victorian Government to supply and reticulate natural gas to Regional Victoria.

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