

## Media Release

### **Bovis Lend Lease wins alliance contract for desalination pipeline construction**

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Leading project management, design and construction company Bovis Lend Lease, as part of Connect Alliance, has been awarded the contract for the design and construction of the water delivery pipeline for Sydney's desalination plant.

Water Utilities Minister Nathan Rees has announced Connect Alliance, comprising Bovis Lend Lease, McConnell Dowell, Kellogg Brown & Root, Patterson Britten & Partners and Environmental Resources Management would work with Sydney Water on the pipeline project. The desalination project consists of two contracts – one to design, build, operate and maintain the plant and one to construct the pipelines to deliver the water to customers.

Bovis Lend Lease Chief Executive Officer Asia Pacific, Sergio Casari, said Bovis Lend Lease is excited to be working with Sydney Water and its partners in Connect Alliance.

"Connect Alliance has a wealth of project management, engineering and construction expertise," said Mr Casari.

"As specialists in the delivery of complex water and pipeline projects, Bovis Lend Lease is proud to be involved in the design and construction of this vital infrastructure component which will make a major contribution to the future security of Sydney's water supply," he said.

While the desalination plant will provide about 7% of Sydney's water supply, the innovative design of the plant and pipeline means that a capacity to supply 30% of Sydney's water needs can be achieved quickly. No further pipeline construction would be needed to support the maximum plant capacity.

The 18 kilometre pipeline will carry desalinated water from the Kurnell plant to the City Water Tunnel at Erskineville. The pipeline will run from Kurnell, across Botany Bay and will pass through Kyeemagh, Tempe, St Peters, Alexandria and Erskineville.

Detailed design development and construction planning will begin immediately with major construction work on the pipeline expected to start around October 2007, after the Minister for Planning approves the pipeline project and subject to the finalisation and approval of Connect Alliance's design and delivery proposal by Sydney Water's Board.

The project will employ in the vicinity of 450 people at the peak of construction.

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