

Midlands Irrigation Scheme

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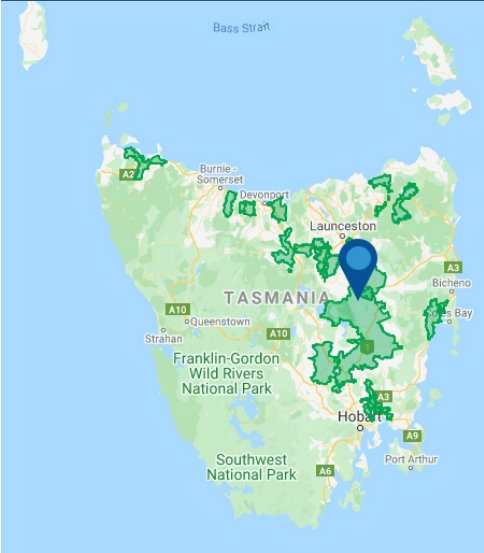
Transforming the face of Tasmania, TI's Midlands scheme takes water from Tasmania's central highlands and distributes it over the great Midlands plain in addition to generating electricity from the energy created as the water falls from over 600 meters

The Midlands Irrigation Scheme commenced operations in September 2014 and services the Campbell Town, Ross, Tunbridge, Woodbury, York Plains, Oatlands, Mt Seymour, Jericho and Kempton areas in central Tasmania. Irrigation water is sourced from Arthurs Lake – a water storage owned and operated by Hydro Tasmania. Water flows under gravity into storage at Floods Creek Dam.

Water is delivered throughout the district via pipelines and a number of natural watercourses. A mini-hydro electric generator is situated at Floods Creek, and there are two other pump stations at Tunbridge and Mt Seymour.

Towns / area serviced	Principal primary production focus of scheme	Length of irrigation season
Campbell Town, Ross, Tunbridge, Woodbury, York Plains, Oatlands, Mt Seymour, Jericho and Kempton	Poppies, cereals, canola, pasture seeds, lucerne, potatoes, and pasture for livestock finishing with potential dairy conversions and perennial horticulture	15,812 ML capacity over a 150-day summer period and 22,688 ML during the winter delivery period of 215 days

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KMs of pipeline	Dams	Pump Stations	Power Stations



Approval	April 2012
Construction started	September 2012
Operations commenced	September 2014
Capacity	38,500 ML
Cost	\$110.8 million
Number of irrigators	105
Forecast opening	Early October
Forecast closing	Late September
Daily flow rate	105.41 ML / day (summer) 105.53 ML / day (winter)
Initial water sales cost	\$1,150 / ML
Percentage of entitlements sold	89%
ML available to buy	4,345 ML