

South East Stage One Irrigation Scheme

Inherited

Based on the Craighourne Dam, this irrigation scheme brings controlled water to the Coal River in one of the driest areas of Tasmania

The South East Stage One Irrigation Scheme supplies water to horticultural, viticultural, orchard and other high-value uses in the Coal River District, which extends along the Coal River Valley to Richmond. The scheme has been the catalyst for the development of a range of agricultural enterprises in the region, which have brought significant employment and economic benefits to an area considered one of the driest in the State.

The 12,500 ML Craighourne Dam is the focus for this stage of the South East Scheme. It is also used to mitigate floods in the valley. The dam collects water from the Coal River and Craighourne Creek. The water is released into the lower reaches of the Coal River. Water in the river is also picked further downstream up to supply Stage Two of the scheme.

Towns / area serviced

Colebrook, Campania and Richmond

Principal primary production focus of scheme

Horticulture, viticulture, orchard and other high-value uses

Length of irrigation season

365 days a year

12

KMs of Pipeline

1

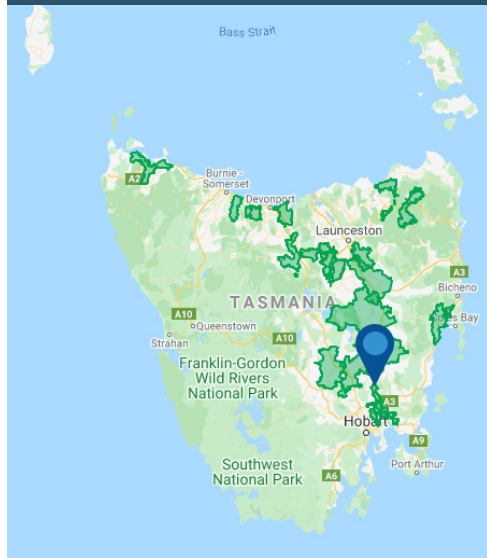
Dam

4

Pump Stations

0

Power Stations



Approval

1984

Construction started

May 1985

Operations commenced

November 1986

Capacity

2,650 ML

Cost

Unknown

Number of irrigators

79

Forecast opening

365-days-a-year scheme

Forecast closing

365-days-a-year scheme

Percentage of entitlements sold

100%

ML available to buy

0

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