

Swan Valley Irrigation Scheme

Tranche Two

One of the driest areas in Tasmania, the sunny climate on the East Coast has until now lacked one vital ingredient to unleash its productive potential – water

The Swan Valley Irrigation Scheme commenced operations in January 2018 and services an area from Cranbrook in the north and branches to Swansea in the south. Water is pumped from the Swan River during winter and stored in Melrose Dam.

Summer flood pumping to underpin reliability is undertaken when appropriate. During the summer irrigation season, water is released from Melrose Dam and distributed to irrigators via 37km of pipeline. The Swan River Pump Station will also boost water to the distribution pipeline during the irrigation season.

Towns / area serviced

Cranbrook to Swansea

Principal primary production focus of scheme

Vineyards, orchards, pasture for livestock finishing, nuts and other cropping

Length of irrigation season

120-day summer delivery

37

KMs of Pipeline

1

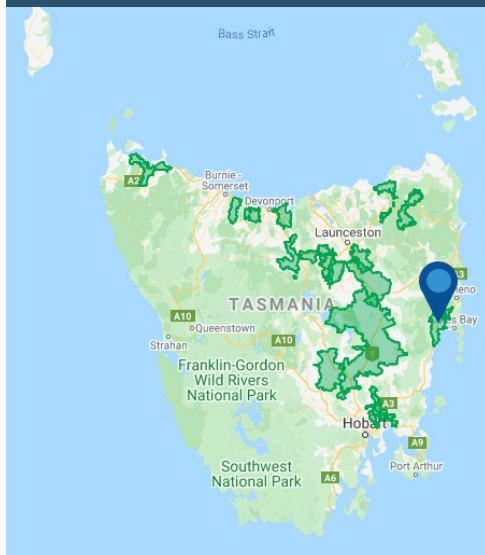
Dam

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Pump Station

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Power Stations



Approval

August 2014

Construction started

June 2016

Operations commenced

January 2018

Capacity

2,000 ML

Cost

\$18.88 million

Number of irrigators

16

Forecast opening

November

Forecast closing

March

Daily flow rate

16.67 ML / day

Initial water sales cost

\$1,500 / ML

Percentage of entitlements sold

100%

ML available to buy

0

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