

Consultation process: Community management of publicly owned irrigation schemes

Tasmanian Irrigation is running an information and consultation process with irrigators across Tasmania from May 2024 to January 2025.

How will the consultation process work?

Tasmanian Irrigation is undertaking a two-stage consultation process about the implementation of the *Water Miscellaneous Amendments Act (Delegation and Industrial water Supply) Act 2023* (the WMA Act) during the period May 2024 to January 2025.

The consultation process is primarily aimed at providing information to, and seeking feedback from, current water entitlement holders in Tasmanian Irrigation's schemes.

In addition, Tasmanian Irrigation will consult with TasFarmers and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania. This is not a public consultation process.

Stage One

Tasmanian Irrigation will host a series of regional information sessions with current Water Entitlement holders.

The sessions will cover in detail:

1. How Tasmanian Irrigation will work with irrigators to enable the intent of the legislative changes;
2. The intent and effect of the legislative changes;
3. The requirements of the legislative changes regarding what Tasmanian Irrigation can and cannot delegate; and what must be demonstrated by community groups to be eligible for delegation;

4. How Tasmanian Irrigation anticipates the changes might be implemented in practice;
5. How the consultation process will work, including feedback mechanisms;
6. A set of draft documents that will support applications for self-management; and
7. The nature of feedback sought.

To aid the consultation process, and provide a basis for review and feedback, Tasmanian Irrigation has developed a series of draft documents:

- Guidelines for Applicants;
- Application Process Flow Chart; and
- Application Form

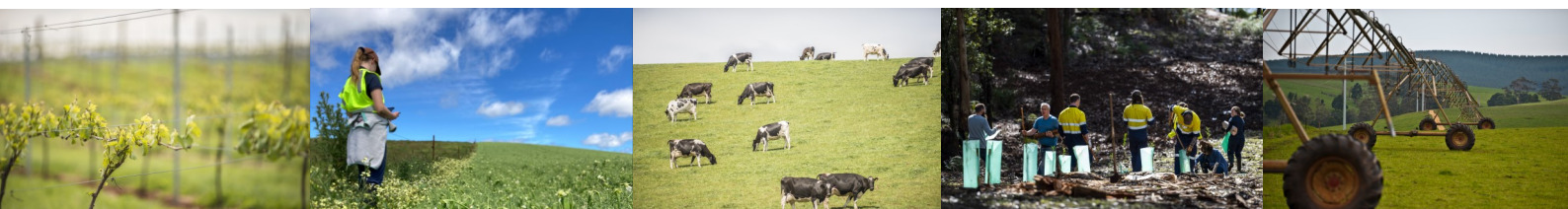
These documents will be provided to attendees at the information sessions.

Stage Two

After completing Stage One, Tasmanian irrigation will consolidate feedback and prepare final drafts of the documents listed above.

A summary of the feedback and the changes resulting from that feedback will be provided to those who have been consulted, along with the final draft documents.

Stage Two of the consultation process will focus on gaining comment on the final drafts of the Guidelines for Applicants and the Application Form.



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Information and consultation sessions

Information and consultation sessions will be held on the dates and at the locations below. The sessions will be advertised in the news media, on Tasmanian Irrigation's website and social media, and by direct mail.

Date	Venue	Time
13 May	Sorell Memorial Hall	10am
14 May	Oatlands RSL	1pm
16 May	Scottsdale Football Clubrooms	10.30am
20 May	Paranple Arts Centre, Devonport	10am
22 May	The Grange Estate, Campbell Town	10am
23 May	Door of Hope, South Launceston	10am
31 May	Online via Teams	10am

Tasmanian Irrigation will seek feedback during these sessions, and following the sessions up until mid-June 2024.

How can I provide feedback?

Tasmanian Irrigation will share the consultation documents at the information sessions, via email and post, and via our website where the documents will be available to download / read. You can submit feedback:

- Using a form on our website at www.tasirrigation.com.au/community-management-of-schemes;
- By email at consultation@tasirrigation.com.au; or
- By post PO Box 84, Evandale, TASMANIA, 7212.

Feedback will also be collected from the discussions held at the planned regional information sessions.

All feedback will be collected in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* and Tasmanian Irrigation will adhere

to the relevant provisions with this Act, to protect the privacy and security of the information gathered.

If you would like to make a confidential submission directly to Tasmanian Irrigation, please clearly indicate that your submission is confidential and we will ensure confidentiality is maintained throughout the process, safeguarding the content of your submission from publication or unauthorised disclosure.

What will happen with my feedback?

At the conclusion of the Stage One consultation period, Tasmanian Irrigation will collate feedback and incorporate it into the Guidelines for Applicants and Application Form documents.

We will share the revised documents during Stage Two of the consultation process along with a summary of feedback, which will be provided to all those consulted.

Contact details

For more information on the WMA Act, the process for submitting an application, or the consultation process Tasmanian Irrigation is holding with irrigators, contact:

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