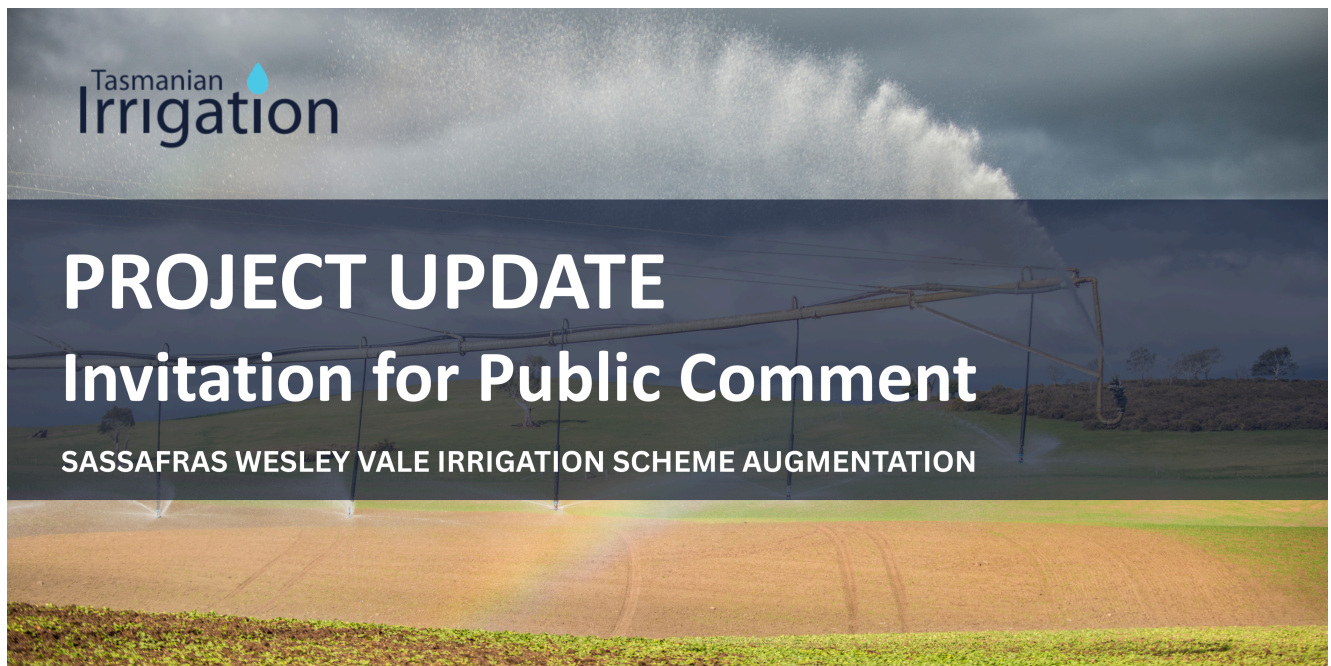


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12 June 2025

Public comment period: Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation (EPBC 2023/09666)

Tasmanian Irrigation is seeking approval to construct the Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation (SWISA), which covers the regions of Sassafras, Harford, Thirlstane, Moriarty, Wesley Vale, Northdown, Pardoe and East Devonport in North West Tasmania.

SWISA is a proposed redevelopment of the existing Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme east of Devonport in northern Tasmania. It includes the installation and operation of approximately 102 km of pipe, upgrade and construction of ancillary structures including a pump station and access road, and a balance tank.

Construction of SWISA was determined to be a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) as it is likely to have a significant impact on listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18a) protected under Part 3 of the EPBC Act.

Tasmanian Irrigation is required to publish and seek public comment on specified information related to the application for approval in accordance with Section 95A (3) of the EPBC Act.

Public comment is now invited on the SWISA Preliminary Documentation.

The submission period opened on Wednesday 11 June 2025 and will close at 5pm on Wednesday 25 June 2025.

A copy of the Preliminary Documentation is available on Tasmanian Irrigation's website: <https://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/schemes/sassafras-wesley-vale-augmentation-3>

Hard copies of the Preliminary Documentation are available at:

- Devonport Council Chambers/Library - 137 Rooke St, Devonport, TAS, 7310
- Latrobe Council Chambers - 170 Gilbert St, Latrobe, TAS, 7307



John Wright
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How to make a submission

You can make a submission directly by email or post. Your submission must reference the project number EPBC 2023/09666 and be lodged **no later than 5pm on Wednesday 25 June 2025 (AEDT)**.

Email: EPBC.SWISA@tasirrigation.com.au

Post:

Attention: Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation
Tasmanian Irrigation
PO Box 84
Evandale, Tasmania 7212

If you need the information in alternative formats, or require translation, please contact Tasmanian Irrigation at EPBC.SWISA@tasirrigation.com.au or (03) 6398-8433.

Information on the assessment process under the EPBC Act is available from this website: www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/approvals

Eagle Nest Survey

Tasmanian Irrigation will be conducting eagle nest surveys during the week starting 16 June 2025. This will be conducted by helicopter flyover and should take approximately two days to survey the extent of the district, depending on the weather conditions.

If you have any questions about the EPBC assessment process, or the eagle nest surveys please don't hesitate to contact me on 0475 108 660 or john.wright@tasirrigation.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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Total Project Cost: \$124.2 million

Federal Government Funding Allocation: \$62.1 million

State Government Funding Allocation: \$31.05 million

Irrigator Funded Portion through the sale of water entitlements: \$31.05 million



Vineyards and canola crops at Eastford Creek, Sassafras

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