



Scheme progress update

Construction of the Swan Valley Irrigation Scheme (Swan) was completed in August 2017 however the filling of the dam and the commissioning of the pump station and pipelines was delayed by inadequate water flows in the Swan River. Heavy rain falls in early December in the Swan River catchment enabled testing of the pumps and pipelines to be completed and commissioned in January 2018. During this process approximately 640ML was pumped from the river and stored in the dam. Unfortunately, this was not an adequate volume to support irrigation this season. Higher river levels in autumn and winter should enable pumping to provide a sufficient volume of water in the dam to support irrigation. The first water deliveries are expected to commence in the 2018 /19 irrigation season, with a proposed start date of 1 September 2018.

Prior to the commencement of the season Tasmanian Irrigation will need to issue invoices in relation to the final portion of water entitlements.

As previously communicated by Nicola Morris, issuing of the final water entitlement invoices is dependent upon there being enough water in the Melrose Dam to meet supply obligations. It is therefore unlikely these invoices will be issued before July 2018.

Please note before being able to access water, irrigators will have to:

- pay all amounts owing in relation to water entitlements;
- have a completed and paid for Farm Water Access Plan in place; and
- sign and return all contracts to Tasmanian Irrigation



Scheme details

The Swan will provide 2,000ML of high surety irrigation water to the greater Swansea region.

Water will be pumped at a rate of up to 180ML/day from the Swan River during periods of high river flows and stored in the Melrose Dam. During the summer irrigation season, water will be released from the dam and distributed to irrigators in Cranbrook, Coombend and Swansea districts.

At full demand the scheme will provide water at a rate of 16.67ML/day to irrigators.

Major elements of this irrigation infrastructure include:

- 3,400ML Melrose Dam;
- 1.4MW Swan River pump station and a 0.7km rising main to the dam; and
- 37km of distribution pipeline.



Farm Water Access Plans - (FWAP)

As irrigators would be aware, it is a requirement to have a completed FWAP in place before they can commence taking irrigation water. Whilst most of the FWAP verification documents have been returned, if yours is outstanding we would encourage you to complete and return.

Remember: NO FWAP – NO WATER.

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