

TAMAR IRRIGATION PROJECT – CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Tasmanian Irrigation invites landowners in the Tamar region to attend a community meeting this week to hear first-hand about the proposed Tamar Irrigation Scheme and to lodge an Expression of Interest for irrigation water.

The proposed Tamar project, one of 10 being investigated as part of the Tranche Three Pipeline to Prosperity initiatives, is focused on delivering high-surety irrigation water to properties located between Beaconsfield, Selbourne, Westwood, Hillwood, Lilydale and the Pipers River region.

The community meeting will be held at the Sidmouth Community Hall this Thursday (12 December) at 7pm.

Tasmanian Irrigation Chief Executive Officer Andrew Kneebone thanked all Tamar Valley landowners who submitted initial expressions of interest during the first round of consultation about 18 months ago.

“Due to the high levels of interest that were lodged, we have gone back to the drawing board to expand the concept design to deliver additional water to this high-value agricultural region,” Mr Kneebone said.

“We have been contacted by several farmers who have purchased additional land and wish to increase the amount of water originally requested in their EOI, and other landowners who are planning to plant vineyards and other intensive crops, so we are looking forward to working with all interested parties to design a scheme that delivers maximum benefit and opportunity.

“We will also be calling for nominations for the Irrigator Representative Committee, which is a key component of our commitment to open and transparent communication with all stakeholders as we move through the planning, building and delivery phases.”

Mr Kneebone said Pipeline to Prosperity is providing farmers in each district the confidence to invest further in growing their businesses.

“It is estimated that when fully implemented, the 10 Tranche Three projects could deliver 78,000 megalitres of water via 479km of pipeline to farmers, creating 2,600 full time jobs and increasing annual on-farm production by \$114 million at the farm gate,” he said.

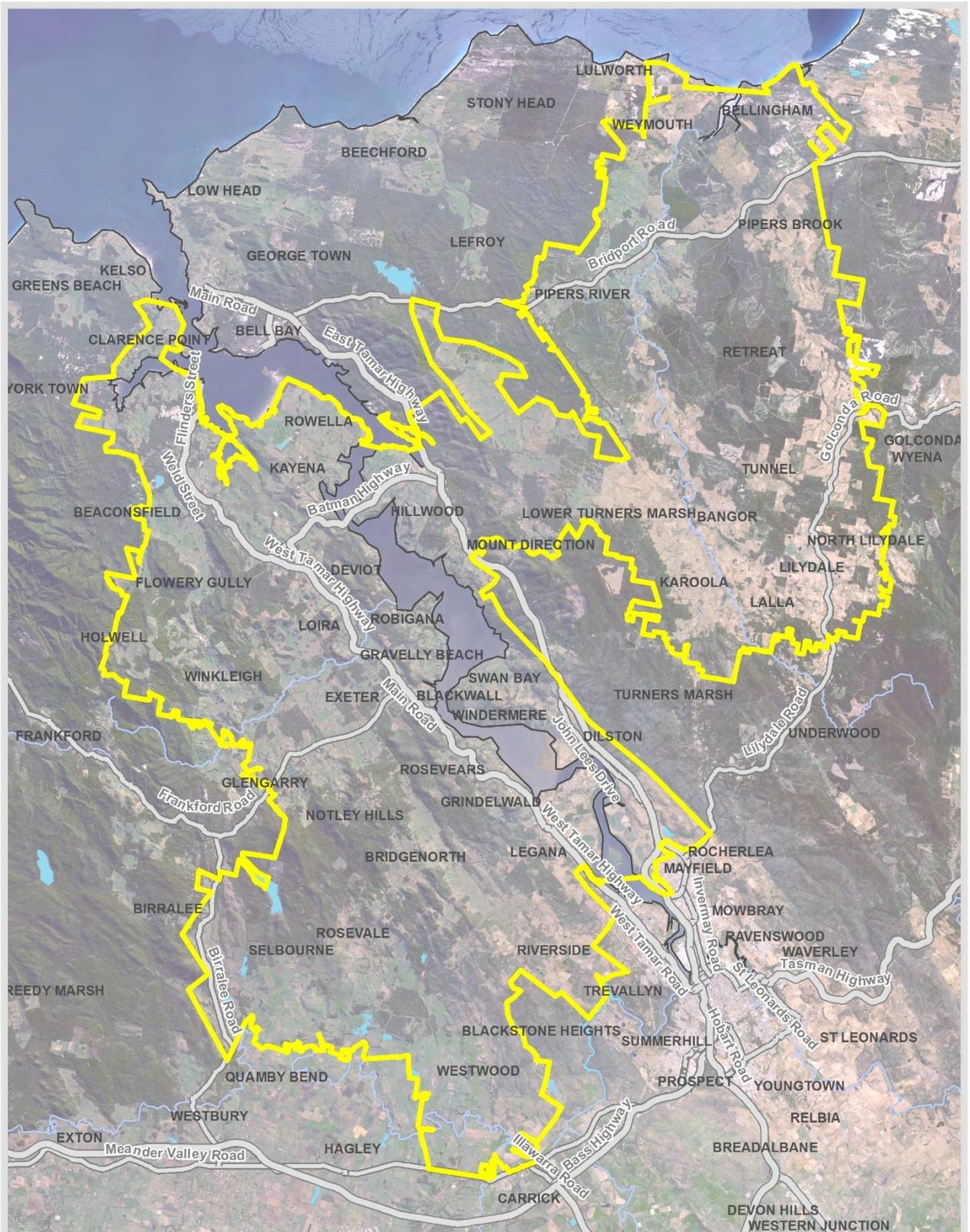
“The Tamar Irrigation Scheme is a vital component in this next round of projects and we encourage all landowners to attend this meeting and lodge an Expression of Interest to ensure they have access to this business-enabling irrigation water.”

All irrigation schemes developed by Tasmanian Irrigation are designed to last 100 years, deliver water at an average reliability of greater than 95 per cent and are built to satisfy demand in each region. Any person wishing to attend the community meeting this Thursday must RSVP to Tasmanian Irrigation Project Manager Sven Rand on (03) 6398-8433 or sven.rand@tasirrigation.com.au.

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 Area of Interest



Tamar Scheme Area of Interest



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