

South East Stage 2 Irrigation Scheme

Flow management strategy

Due to physical constraints relating to water supply in this scheme, Tasmanian Irrigation needs to carefully manage daily flows through the scheme to ensure that irrigators have access to their water entitlements, particularly during peak periods.

Improving the daily demand management for all irrigators will provide a clearer, more reliable resource for all users. Having a clear system will improve transparency and assist with managing the expectations of large and small irrigators in the scheme.

Irrigation Rights

Irrigation Rights confer entitlements to have an allocation of water made available during each irrigation season within an irrigation district. The entitlement arising under irrigation rights is defined as a volume and denominated in megalitre (ML) units.

Annual allocations

The annual allocation is the total volume which an irrigator can access during the irrigation season. Once an irrigator has accessed their full annual allocation, they must obtain a transfer in order to continue to take water.

If an irrigator has taken their full annual allocation and continues to take water, Tasmanian Irrigation may issue a warning to the entitlement holder with a notice of disconnection of water supply.

Maximum flow rates

Maximum flow rates are set to reflect the ability to meet demand. This is measured with reference to the level of Daisy Banks Dam on Monday mornings. During times of peak demand, the maximum flow rate level will be communicated to entitlement holders each week via SMS:

- **LEVEL 1:** 111 ML or more: standard operating level which will always apply unless a higher level is declared.

All irrigators can access **up to 8%** of their annual allocation over a seven-day period. Irrigators who wish to take more than this flow rate must submit a request to the Scheme Operators.

- **LEVEL 2:** 71 ML to 110 ML: Over the seven-day period:

Priority 1 entitlement holders can access **up to 4%** of their annual allocation; and

Priority 2 entitlement holders can access **up to 2%** of their annual allocation.

- **LEVEL 3:** 19 ML to 70 ML: Over the seven-day period:

Priority 1 entitlement holders can access **up to 2%** of their annual allocation; and

Priority 2 entitlement holders can access **up to 1%** of their annual allocation.

- **LEVEL 4:** Less than 18 ML: **Cease to take** for all water entitlement holders.



Illustration: If John has 100 ML current annual allocation under Priority 1 and there is a Level 2 flow management level declared, then he can access up to 4% of his annual allocation over a seven-day period (4ML per week).

It is the responsibility of the irrigator to comply with the maximum flow rate. If you are unsure of the current maximum flow rate, you must contact your Scheme Operator.

If irrigators are found to be in breach of the flow management level, then the Scheme Operator may issue a warning to the entitlement holder with notice of disconnection of water supply.

Trading

Irrigation rights are tradable within the district. Because water entitlements are separate from land, a person does not need to own land within a district to receive a transfer of water entitlements.

If you wish to access higher maximum flow or a larger annual allocation, you may achieve this through trading with other entitlement holders.

Tasmanian Irrigation has a free notice board on our website to enable you to advertise a wish to trade entitlements: www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/notice-board

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