

# Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme

## December 2021 Newsletter

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### PROJECT UPDATE

#### Preferred Option Launch

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, Tasmanian Irrigation (TI) launched the Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation (SWISA) preferred option to a large group of landowners. Keynote speakers at the event included the Hon. Guy Barnett, Federal Minister for Braddon Gavin Pearce alongside the members from TI - Andrew Kneebone, CEO and Damien Butler, the scheme Project Manager. An overview of the scheme design was presented and information packs handed out to the group, these are available to download from the TI website:

<https://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/schemes/sassafras-wesley-vale-augmentation>



Thank you to Stuart Greenhill for providing the location to hold the SWSIA preferred option press release. This fantastic site provided both Guy Barnett and Gavin Pearce with a snapshot of what the region is capable of and how water from SWIS has helped the region grow through diversity, sustainability and the reliability of water.

#### Scheme Statistics

Water Entitlement Price	\$1720ML
Season Period	Nov 2021—March 2022
Season Days	150
Augmentation EOI Volume	8026ML
Public Consultation Period	17 Nov 2021 - 4 Jan 2022
Water Sales Period	Early 2022 - TBC
Planned Construction start	October 2023
Planned Construction complete	March 2025

#### Water Sales

After the public consultation period concludes and the content is reviewed, the project will enter the ‘Water Sales ‘ phase, commencing early 2022 and will run for a period of 6 weeks. The official date, venue and program will be announced in the first week of February. During the drop-in-days, TI staff members will be available to discuss queries or concerns. Water sales packs can be collected from the venue, mailed out or delivered directly to you, based on request. In the meantime, if you wish to speak with a TI representative on your property, please contact the project manager, Damien Butler on 0417 955 196 .

Throughout the water sales process, applicants will be required to complete an ‘Application to Purchase Water Entitlements’ form. When you sign up for water within the scheme, you are signing a binding contract. A 2% deposit is payable at the time of signing, then 8% once the business case is approved and funding for the project has been released and finally 90% at practical completion. The contract is binding, as the scheme is designed and subsequently constructed based on the sale of water. TI reserves the right to reject a water sales contract is the delivery of that water in non-viable but will look at every option prior to making this decision.

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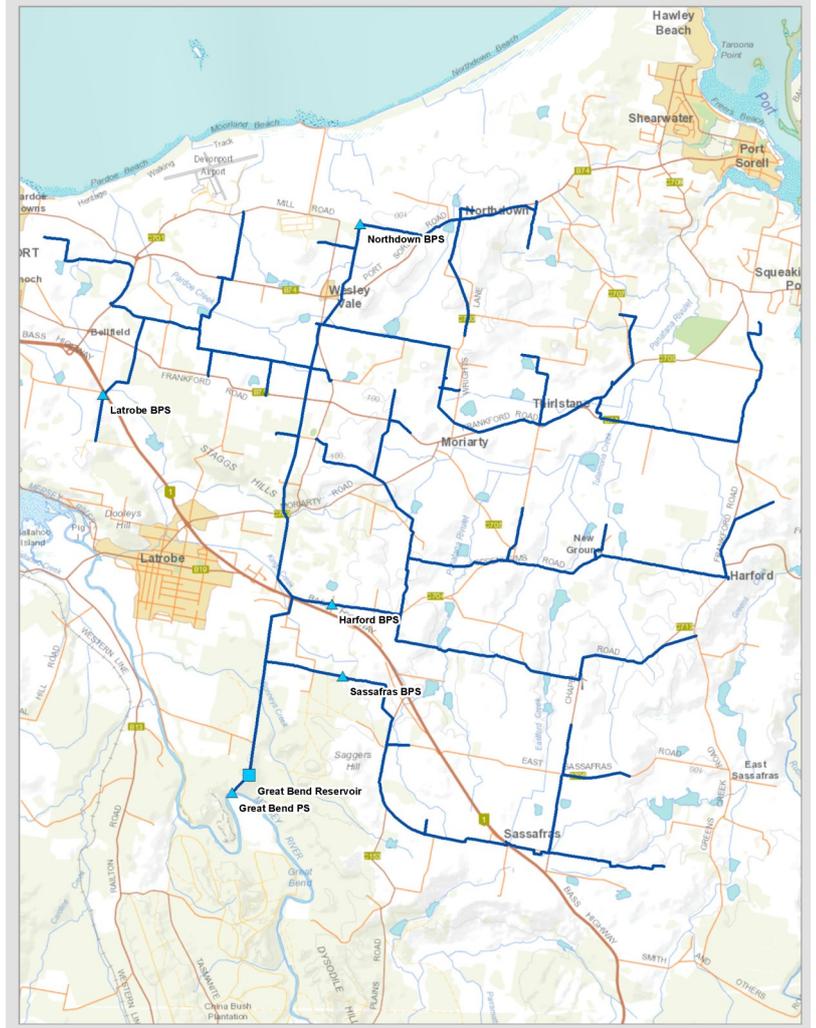
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### Pipeline Alignment

The Preferred Option design map shown is an indicative model and based on current expressions of interest. However, this design will likely change based on the total volume of water sold during water sales and the locations of the properties who sign up to SWISA water, will drive this change.

The pipeline alignment will be altered to suit the actual volume of water sold and the overall scheme design will be adjusted accordingly to factor to reflect the needs. Therefore, even if your property sits outside the current design alignment, please put forward your water application when the water sales dates are announced and within the 6 weeks period. TI will consider all design options to include any volume of water assessed as viable.

If you have any queries about the scheme, i.e. seek clarification on the water viability, quality and surety, Farm Water Access Plans (Farm WAPs) or the pipeline alignment etc., please contact the SWISA project manager or speak with one of the IRC members, details listed below.



### Seasons Greetings

Everyone at TI would like to wish you a wonderful and restful Christmas break.



Thank you for your support, we look forward to working with you in 2022 to progress the SWISA project further.

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