



Construction Underway

Tasmanian Irrigation (TI) is pleased to advise that construction of the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme is well underway.

In early December the SIS Working Group, who represent the schemes irrigators, visited the Camden Rivulet Dam site at Tayene. Construction of the dam is being managed by Hazell Bros Group. The Working Group saw that excavation of the outlet pipe trench by main sub-contractor Hall Earthmoving is nearly complete. The 1200mm diameter outlet pipes have been delivered; and are ready to be welded together, placed in the trench and encased in concrete. Once this is completed Camden Rivulet will be diverted through the outlet pipe and construction of the earthen dam wall; which is 19m-high and 510m-long, will commence. A small car-park off Diddleum Road, further away from the dam wall, will be built to enable public access for fishing from canoes, kayaks and the lake edge.

The Group also saw that about half of the 200 hectare inundation area, which is mostly eucalypt plantation, has been cleared. Special care has been taken to ensure that any animal burrows have been vacated prior to the work; and water quality is being checked three times each day, above and below the works, to confirm that any impacts are minimised.

Harvesting of eucalypt plantation trees has also commenced along the pipeline and powerline corridor; which runs from the St Patricks River pump station site to the Headquarters Road mini-hydro power station site. Construction of these works is being managed by VEC Civil Engineering. Manufacturing of water distribution pipes by Zezt at Wynyard has commenced; and VEC plan to start delivering pipes to farms in the Waterhouse area in January.

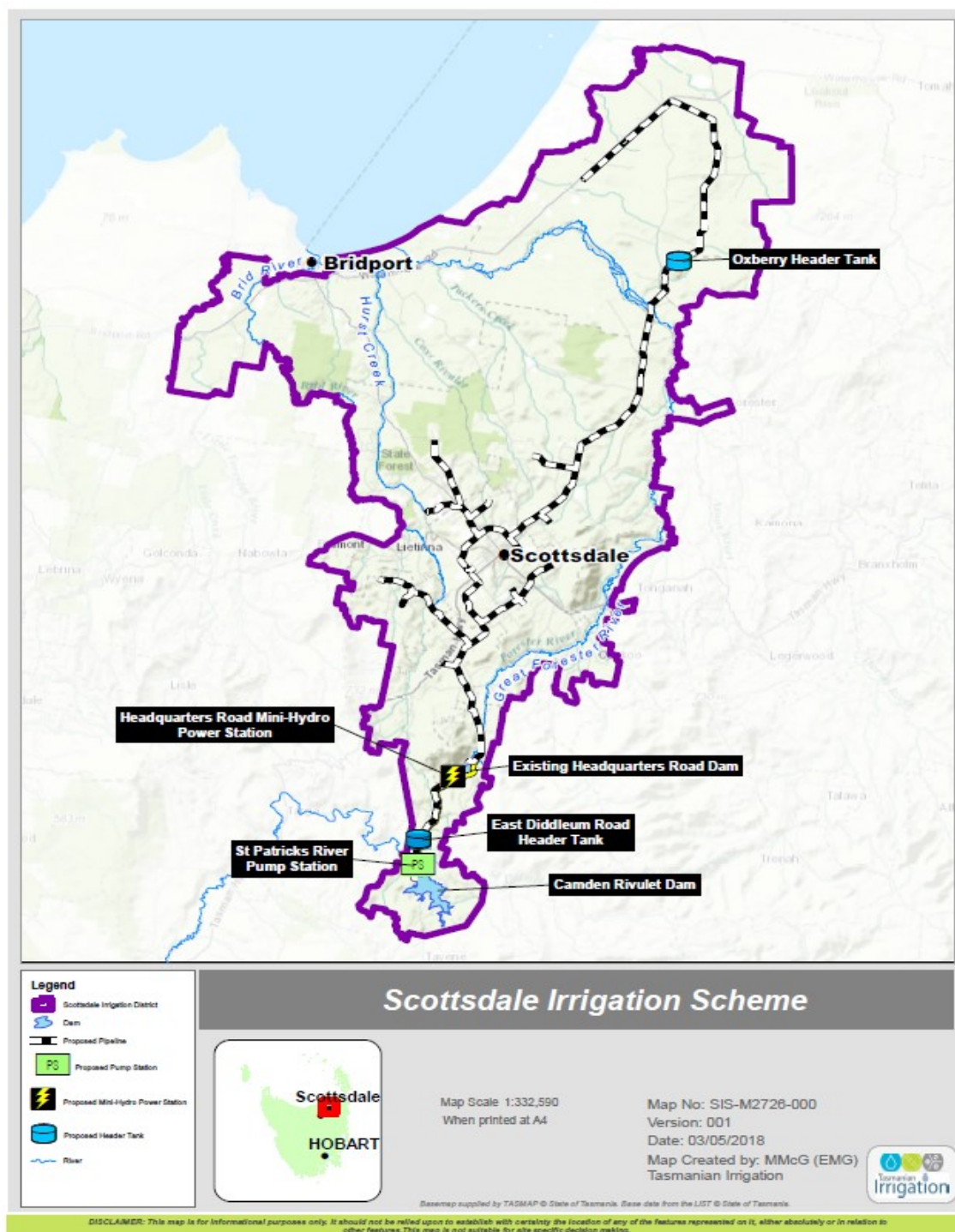
Commencement of pipe laying has been slightly delayed from the original program; and as a result, **first water deliveries are expected to flow in February 2020**. This means that only a part-season supply will be available in the first irrigation season. TI will write directly to irrigators in the new year to confirm the process and possible timing for the first season supply.



Pipe Delivery to Camden Rivulet Dam

To date a total of 6,845ML has been sold; which equates to 80% of the scheme's 8,600ML capacity. These sales are made up of 5,885 ML (69%) to 86 landholders; and 960 ML (11%) held by Dorset Council. TI holds the remaining 1,755 ML (20%) of the scheme.

Both Dorset Council and TI are actively pursuing the sale of their water; which means that 2,715 ML is currently available for sale in the scheme.



If you have any queries about the scheme, please feel free to contact one of the SIS Working Group members, who include: Michael Coote (Chairman), Peter Sattler, Bob Bush, Robin Thompson, Cameron Moore and Victor Hall;

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