



Tasmanian Irrigation

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Scheme update and timelines

The project has progressed well since the last newsletter with the first coupe at the Mill Creek Dam Site now cleared and both project contracts reaching the 85pc design phase. The remainder of the Mill Creek Dam site will be cleared over the upcoming summer as work on the dam wall commences.

Pipeline works are expected to begin in October pending suitable ground conditions and as agreed with individual landholders. Landholder consultation is continuing and those on the pipeline route who are yet to be contacted by Shaw can expect to be contacted in the coming weeks.

The project remains on schedule to deliver water for the inaugural 2018/2019 Irrigation Season.

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Property Connection Points

Interaction with landholders through the pipeline detailed design phase has identified additional interest in scheme water. As the scheme is almost fully subscribed it is suggested that persons interested in scheme water consider the option of purchasing a Property Connection Point which may allow them to trade or purchase water from those with current scheme water entitlements.

Those wishing to further investigate the purchase of a Property Connection Point are requested to contact the TI Duck Irrigation Scheme Team (as noted below) as soon as possible so these can be installed in line with the pipe installation process. Property Connection Point information packs will be posted or emailed to those who request them by the end of September 2017 and will also be available on the Duck Irrigation Scheme section of the Tasmanian Irrigation website at www.tasirrigation.com.au.

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Farm Water Access Plan (FarmWAPs)

Before water from any Tasmanian Irrigation scheme can be utilised and applied to land the area must first be covered by an approved Farm Water Access Plan (FarmWAP). FarmWAPs are management tools which demonstrate that the use of TI water is sustainable and complies with Australian and Tasmanian Government requirements. The plans contain soil, water and biodiversity modules and specify management actions where environmental risks associated with irrigation are identified. FarmWAPs are completed by pre-qualified consultants authorised by the Minister for Primary Industries and Water.

As noted in the water sales documentation the customer is responsible for the cost of their individual FarmWAP. TI manage this process in consultation with the landowner.

In order to ensure compliance TI conducts audits of FarmWAPs on an annual basis.

Water entitlement holders will be contacted by a member of the TI environmental team in the coming months regarding their FarmWAPs.



Water Trading

Water entitlements within Tasmanian Irrigation Schemes are an asset in their own right and are not connected to land. These assets can be traded on a temporary long or short term basis or permanently sold. Water Entitlements are comprised of two separate components, both of which can be traded or sold. The first is an Irrigation Right, which entitles the owner to a specified volume of water within the scheme, and the second is a Delivery Right, which entitles the owner to capacity in the scheme infrastructure to allow for the delivery of their water. Those who do not have water entitlements within the scheme may be able to purchase an outlet and trade water from an entitlement holder in accordance with the trading rules.

A water entitlement holder may trade or sell water within their specific zone or any zone back to the dam site through which their water must pass. As such, those at the end of lines have the greatest capacity to sell water as their water must pass past every other landholder on that line. However, these people also have the least capacity to purchase or trade in additional water as the volume is limited by the capacity of the pipe, whilst those at the beginning of a line have the least capacity to sell water but the greatest capacity to purchase or trade water in.

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