Scheme update

Progress on the Construction of the scheme has progressed well with the new storage now complete and being filled. The Transfer pipeline and new pump station at the North Esk River commenced operation in mid-September 2018, transferring water to the new dam.

Installation of the main distribution network is progressing apace with drier conditions seeing works accelerate. There is now less than 15km of pipeline to be installed and the Principal contractor, Shaw Contracting (Aust) advising that commissioning is likely to commence in mid-November for the Clarendon line. Practical Completion for the scheme is late December. Installation of property connections is also well afoot with a number of the final connection points now visible in the district.

With planned completion of the scheme now less than two months away, Tasmanian Irrigation has commenced preparations for finalisation of connection contracts and reviewing the second half of the summer delivery period.

Water transfer from the North Esk commenced in mid-September with over 800ML transferred so far. A full season was not planned for the 18/19 irrigation season as construction would not be completed before the end of December. Irrigators can expect further advice in relation to commencement of water delivery, issuing of Irrigation Rights and final payments in November.

In order to be able to receive water, irrigators will need to have returned their contracts, paid any outstanding monies owed and have a Farm WAP in place.

Scheme Operator

Tasmanian Irrigation is pleased to introduce Scott Williams to the community. Scott will be the Operator for the North Esk and will quickly become a familiar face to irrigators. Scott also currently manages the SWAN and Lower South Esk schemes. Contact details overleaf
Farm Water Access Plans

Farm Water Access Plans (Farm WAP) are an integral component of water delivery from Tasmanian Irrigation Schemes and are one of the key funding conditions imposed by the Commonwealth. The purpose of Farm WAP’s is to identify where Tasmanian Irrigation water will be applied and manage any potential risks that may arise from the application of this water.

The assessable area under a Farm WAP includes all the land to which Tasmanian Irrigation water will be applied as well as dams and the irrigation infrastructure that will be directly impacted by the use of TI water now and into the future.

TI is unable to deliver water to properties not covered by a Farm WAP. Currently the majority of Farm WAP’s for the North Esk Irrigation Scheme have been prepared and are in the final stages of verification with the remaining being currently prepared by Consultants.

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