Scheme update

Final water sales volumes of 4685ML resulted in a revised business case to allow for a larger scheme and a different delivery network. This is being prepared, including a revised budget.

The business case was approved by the TI Board and submitted to the Tasmanian Government. Following State due diligence, approval was received in February 2017.

The business case is now with the Federal Government and a successful due diligence meeting was held in April.

This is a very exciting time for the scheme as it begins to transform into a reality. Tasmanian Irrigation sincerely thanks all stakeholders for their interest and assistance to this point.

Timeline

May/June 2017: Tendering for design and construct contracts to construct the scheme
September 2017: 8% deposit called
September - November 2017: Detailed design by successful contractors
Summer 2017/18: Construction of the scheme
Winter 2018: Water transfer from the North Esk River
December 2018: Scheme operational

Permits and approvals

Work has continued to obtain the necessary permits and approvals required to construct the scheme. We have now obtained a permit to construct the 5,200ML “Dalness Dam” which will provide the storage for scheme. A quarry application for construction material for the dam is being assessed by the Environment Protection Agency.

In April 2017, we plan to submit development applications to both the Northern Midlands and Launceston City Councils to enable construction of the 58km of pipeline and three pump stations which are required for the scheme. This will see notification to all impacted landholders and their neighbours.

Surveys have been completed for Aboriginal and European heritage, flora and fauna, environmental flows in the North Esk River and extensive geotechnical investigations for the Dalness Dam and Pipeline. We are now applying for permits relating to flora and Aboriginal Heritage management.

Construction

As the scheme approvals now start to come to fruition, and with positive indications relating to the funding of the scheme tender documents for the design and construction of the scheme are being prepared. Once funding is confirmed, we aim to release the design and construct tenders in late May/June 2017.
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