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Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme

Demonstrated support for the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme

The Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme (NMIS) forms one of Tasmanian Irrigations (TI) Tranche Three suite of irrigation schemes. A public meeting was held in Cressy in March 2019 to gauge community support and to elect an irrigator representative committee (IRC). The meeting was well received with over 20 people in attendance.

Irrigator Representative Group

The IRC is a volunteer group which represent the various areas of the district and works with the TI project team through-

out the schemes development and ongoing once the scheme is operational. The IRC members are locals who anybody can speak to regarding information on the NMIS and were elected from the floor at the public meeting in.

The IRC consists of six members comprising of Tom Green, Rae Young, Sam Archer, George Rigney, George Gatenby and is chaired by Richard Burbury. Contact details for the IRC can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Once the scheme is operational the IRC works with the TI Water Delivery Team throughout the life of the scheme This committee is re-elected by, and at the discretion of, scheme participants.

Pipeline to Prosperity Snapshot

Tasmanian Irrigation has successfully constructed 10 irrigation schemes as part of a Tranche One and delivered a further four under Tranche Two with the fifth currently in construction. Combined these schemes have the capacity to deliver in excess of 150,000ML of high reliability irrigation water.

The Australian and Tasmanian Governments have committed \$170 million towards the companies Tranche Three suite of schemes known as Pipeline to Prosperity. Pipeline to Prosperity consists of 10 schemes with the committed funds allowing for the construction of five projects and planning of the remaining five.

The five projects currently being progressed under phase one of the Tranche Three suite of schemes are Don, Northern Midlands, Tamar, Sassafra Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation and Fingal.

Preliminary Design

TI has been working toward a concept Preferred Option to present to the community for delivery of an additional 14,000ML of water to the Poatina to Campbell Town region.

A concept scheme design which provides connectivity from the Poatina Tail Race with the existing Midlands Water Scheme has been developed and consultation with key stakeholders is ongoing.

Further community consultation is expected to be undertaken in October and November as a Preferred Option is refined for community comment.



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Expressions of Interest and next steps

Following the initial public meeting in March, the IRC has been assisting with identifying potential solutions for water delivery, irrigation season lengths and demand profiles. TI has also continued to receive additional expressions of interest in water.

While a further formal request for interest will not be conducted, TI welcomes additional expressions of interest to be lodged. The current information provides a strong distribution profile that can be used to develop the scheme design and provide information for the Preferred Option and development a water sales process.

TI proposes to present a scheme Preferred Option to the district of a scheme design for community consultation which will then be refined based on feedback to be taken to water sales in early 2020.

The project target is to have water available for the 2024/25 Irrigation season.

Climate Change

It is essential that any scheme considers the potential of climate change and its impact on future water availability .

TI, in conjunction with CSIRO, models the reliability of TI schemes under a range of climate scenarios.

The CSIRO's Tasmanian Sustainable Yields project looks at both future climate and future developments in addition to an assumed increase in groundwater extractions to 25pc of recharge. The scheme will need to supply water at a minimum reliability of 95pc, even under a "dry future" scenario.

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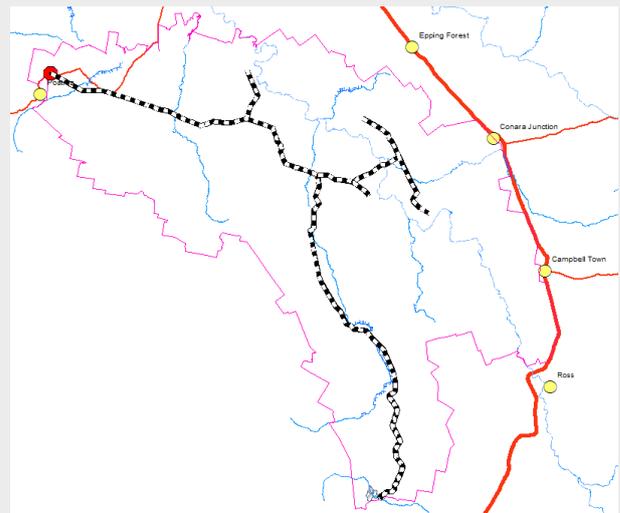
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Northern Midlands Area of Interest



A map and additional information on the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme (NMIS) can be found on the TI website at:

www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/future-irrigation

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