Working with Farmers to Grow the Wealth of Tasmania

Tasmanian Irrigation is on track to deliver irrigation water to North East Tasmanian farmers from February next year as part of the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme (SIS) development.

Construction of all key infrastructure should be completed by late December this year, subject to no encounters with unforeseen factors, such as adverse weather. This means irrigators should be able to commence taking water from this scheme in February 2020.

The Camden Rivulet Dam is expected to be completed in June, which will allow sufficient time for enough water to be stored for the first season.

Work has commenced on the St Patricks River Pump Station, pipeline laying at Waterhouse is almost complete, and pipeline installation at Lietinna is underway.

There has been a very pleasing level of response from the irrigator community with 5990 ML out of the scheme’s 8,600 ML capacity now sold to landholders; and the Waterhouse and Lietinna zones now sold out. Water still available for sale includes 893 ML held by Dorset Council and 1,717 ML held by Tasmanian Irrigation.

Key recent infrastructure advancements include:

- Construction of the 19m-high x 510m-long Camden Rivulet Dam wall is nearing completion;
- Construction of the dam’s 10m-wide and 150m-long spillway, which will consume about 1300 cubic meters of concrete, is well underway;
- Building of the St Patricks River Pump Station has commenced with drilling 12m deep concrete piles for the foundations; and construction of the St Patricks River flow monitoring weir has been completed;
- Clearing of the 7km long powerline and pipeline corridor from the pump station to the Headquarters Road mini-hydro power station is nearing completion; and
- Pipeline installation at Waterhouse is nearing completion with 16km installed.
A detailed scheme briefing was recently provided to the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme Working Group, which represents the scheme’s irrigators.

Mr Corbould said TI is committed to open and transparent communication with all key stakeholders. Updates on the project timeline, as well as a letter to all irrigators regarding logistics for the first part-season supply of water, will soon be distributed.

“We are very heartened by the significant progress that has been achieved to date in the North East and we look forward to progressing these infrastructure projects to add further prosperity to the region,” Tasmanian Irrigation SIS Project Manager Andy Corbold said.

Tasmanian Irrigation encourages any person interested in securing water remaining in the scheme to contact Andy on (03) 6398-8433.

**Farm Water Access Plans**

Preparation of Scottsdale Farm Water Access Plans (Farm WAPs) are underway, with consultants out in the field undertaking surveys and preparing each report. The consultants will contact landowners in advance to arrange the site visit.

Once prepared, Farm WAPs will be sent out to landowners for completion. Please ensure you read through your Farm WAP, then sign and post the verification form at your earliest convenience.

Farm WAPs are a requirement of Federal Government scheme funding; and must be completed before water can be delivered.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Cassie Tickner-Smith on farmwap@tasirrigation.com.au or 0438 994 149.

**Tasmanian Irrigation sincerely thanks North East irrigators and the wider community for their support and commitment, underpinning the success of the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme.**

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

Or please contact Tasmanian Irrigation Project Manager Andy Corbould on 0417 341 141 or andy.corbould@tasirrigation.com.au

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