Business Case approved

Tasmanian Irrigation (TI) is pleased to advise that in February the Government approved the amended Business Case for the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme, which includes extension of the distribution pipeline to Waterhouse.

Irrigators were advised in April that the second (i.e. 8% deposit) instalment of the 10% deposit on the Water Entitlement Purchase Contract, which had been deferred since December 2016 in recognition of the recent dairy industry downturn, was now payable. Irrigators have been advised that, in recognition of the challenges of the last season; which included floods, drought and market pricing issues, TI is happy to work with them to organise extended payment terms if required. The current project schedule indicates the award of construction contracts in the second half of 2017 and commencement of construction in the 2017-18 summer; with first water deliveries expected in December 2019.

In April TI welcomed new Senior Engineer Mr Matthew Palmer, whose primary role will be Project Engineer for the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme. Matthew is a qualified Civil & Structural Engineer and has wide and varied technical engineering and management experience in both civil and structural engineering. Matthew is currently working closely with Project Manager Andy Corbould in preparing the project for construction tenders.

Among other activities, draft Development Applications for construction of the scheme for Dorset and Launceston City Councils; and the draft environmental referral to the Australian Government under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) have been prepared and will be submitted to the relevant authorities in the near future. Affected landowners will be contacted soon to discuss vegetation management within the construction corridor.

If you have any queries about the scheme, please feel free to contact one of the SIS Working Group members, who include: Tas Rainbow (Chairman), Michael Coote (Deputy Chair), Peter Sattler, Bob Bush, Robin Thompson, Cameron Moore and Victor Hall; or contact Project Manager (Andy Corbould) on 0417 341 141 or andy.corbould@tasirrigation.com.au
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