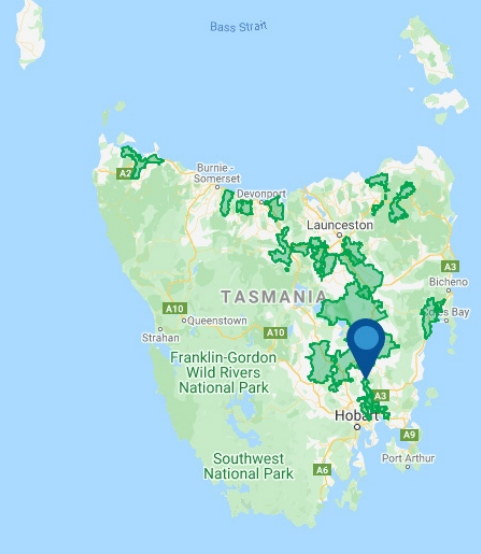


South East Stage One Irrigation Scheme

Based on the Craighourne Dam, this irrigation scheme brings controlled water to the Coal River in one of the driest areas of Tasmania

The South East Stage One Irrigation Scheme supplies water to horticultural, viticultural, orchard and other high-value uses in the Coal River District, which extends along the Coal River Valley to Richmond. The scheme has been the catalyst for the development of a range of agricultural enterprises in the region, which have brought significant employment and economic benefits to an area considered one of the driest in the State.

The 12,500 ML Craighourne Dam is the focus for this stage of the South East Scheme. It is also used to mitigate floods in the valley. The dam collects water from the Coal River and Craighourne Creek. The water is released into the lower reaches of the Coal River. Water in the river is also picked further downstream up to supply Stage Two of the scheme.

Towns / area serviced	Principal primary production focus of scheme	Length of irrigation season	
Colebrook, Campania and Richmond	Horticulture, viticulture, orchard and other high-value uses	365 days a year	
12 KMs of Pipeline	1 Dam	4 Pump Stations	0 Power Stations
		Approval	1984
		Construction started	May 1985
		Operations commenced	November 1986
		Capacity	2,650 ML
		Cost	Unknown
		Number of irrigators	79
		Forecast opening	365-days-a-year scheme
		Forecast closing	365-days-a-year scheme
		Percentage of entitlements sold	100%
		ML available to buy	0