

Dial Blythe Irrigation Scheme

Tranche One

Close to processing facilities and mainland marketing opportunities, the climate, high quality soils and reliable irrigation of the Dial Blythe area make it one of the most productive regions in the state

The Dial Blythe Irrigation Scheme commenced operations in May 2015 and services the Penguin, West Pine, South Riana, Cuprona and Howth areas in North West Tasmania. Irrigation water is sourced from inflows into the 4,000 ML South Riana Dam and supplemented by water pumped from the Blythe River. The dam is located on an unnamed tributary of the Blythe River near South Riana.

The dam is filled during winter months and can be topped up during summer. Delivery throughout the district is via 43.6 kms of pipeline, with water being pressurised at the South Riana Dam Pump Station.

Towns / area serviced

Penguin, West Pine, South Riana, Cuprona, Howth

Principal primary production focus of scheme

Potatoes, vegetables, poppies, pyrethrum, berries and pasture for livestock finishing and dairy production

Length of irrigation season

120-day summer delivery (depending on rainfall, additional water may be able to be supplied by the scheme outside the irrigation season)

44

KMs of pipeline

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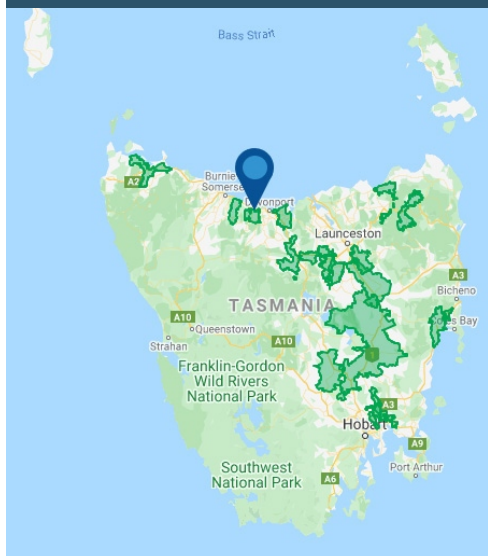
Dams

2

Pump Stations

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Power Stations



Approval

February 2011

Construction started

April 2014

Operations commenced

May 2015

Capacity

2,855 ML

Cost

\$14.4 million

Number of irrigators

44

Forecast opening

Early October

Forecast closing

Late April

Daily flow rate

23.79 ML / day

Initial water sales cost

\$1,200 / ML

Percentage of entitlements sold

100%

ML available to buy

0

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