# **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

**D**ams

Pump Stations

Power Stations

Bass Straft

Someras

Someras

Launceston

Franklin-Gordon
Wild Rivers
National Park

Hobs Ite

Port Arthur

Southwest
National Park

**Approval** 

**Construction started** 

**Operations commenced** 

Capacity

Cost

**Number of irrigators** 

Forecast opening

Forecast closing

Daily flow rate

Initial water sales cost

Percentage of entitlements sold

ML available to buy

February 2011

April 2014

May 2015

2,855 ML

\$14.4 million

44

Early October

Late April

23.79 ML / day

\$1,200 / ML

100%

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