Don Irrigation Scheme

Tranche Three - Phase One

The 4,750ML Don Irrigation Scheme provides high reliability irrigation water into the Don, Forth, Barrington and Sheffield districts in the NW of Tasmania covering an area from West Kentish north through to Don Heads. The Construction phase has recently been completed and water is now available for the 2023/2024 summer irrigation season.

The Don Irrigation Scheme (DON) delivers 4,750ML of summer water and 4,750ML of winter water.

The Forth River catchment provides the 95% reliability TI schemes are required to achieve and is regarded as the best water source in the area. The scheme design includes two pump stations at Lake Barrington and a second pump station downstream of Paloona Dam at Forthside. The pump stations will pump to balance tanks with distribution to the irrigators via 53km of distribution pipeline. A 180-day summer irrigation season, along with a 180-day winter delivery is available for irrigators. The peak flow rate for the scheme is 39.6ML/day.

The TI operations team are now operating the scheme and delivering water to irrigators. Should you have any enquiries or wish to purchase water from the scheme please contact Brendan Keep the scheme operator on 0437 240 292 or email

53 Ms of Pipeline	O Dams Pur	3 np Stations	O Power Stations
Bass Straft	Milestones / Forecasts		
	Approval		March 2021
	Construction Started		May 2022
Burni	Operations Commenced		October 2023
Vonport	Capacity		4750ML
Lauliceston	Cost		\$54.4M
TASMANIA	Number of Irrigators		54
• Queenstown A10	Summer Season Opening		October 1st
Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park	Summer Season Closing		March 31st
Hobart	Winter Season Opening		April 1
Southwest National Park	Winter Season Closing		September 30
National Park	Daily Flow Rate		39.58ML/day
	Initial Water Sales Cost		\$1,425/ML
	Percentage Summer Entitlem	ents sold	75%
	Percentage Winter Entitlemen	nts sold	0%
	Summer ML available to buy		1,205ML
	Winter ML available to buy		4,750ML