North Esk Irrigation Scheme

Tranche Two

This region is a significant producer of quality horticultural products, in particular high quality grapes and is also one of the state's prime poppy growing regions. Increased production will also enhance the area's existing tourism industry which is primarily based around the wine industry

The North Esk Irrigation Scheme commenced operations in January 2019 and services the Relbia, White Hills, Evandale, Clarendon and Nile areas in Northern Tasmania. Water is harvested from the North Esk River at Watery Plains and transferred via an 8km pipeline to the 5,580 ML Rocklands Dam at White Hills.

The scheme's 59km of delivery pipelines are predominantly gravity-fed.

Towns / area serviced

Relbia, White Hills, Evandale, Clarendon and Nile

Principal primary production focus of scheme

Poppies, vineyards, small seed, cereal and fodder production, livestock finishing

Length of irrigation season

120-day summer delivery

6 / KMs of Pipeline

T Dam

Pump Stations

Power Stations

BurnieSameriset

Devenbort

Launcy on

Bicherio

Bicherio

Franklin-Gordon
Wild Rivers
National Park

Southwest
National Park

Port Arthur

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

November 2014

November 2017

January 2019

4,680 ML

\$30.43 million

57

November

March

39.04 ML / day

\$1,500 / ML

100%

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