

South East Stage One Irrigation Scheme

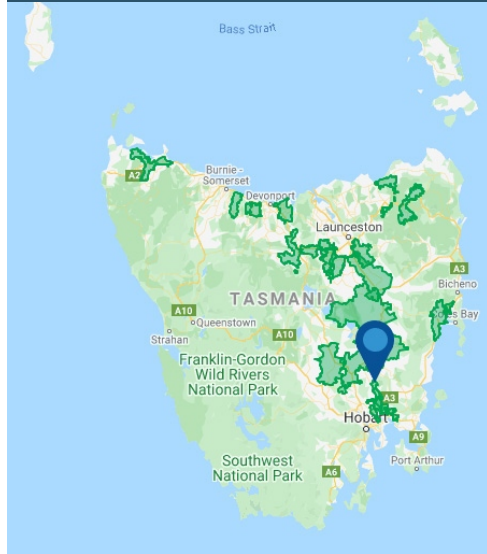
Based on the Craighourne Dam, this irrigation scheme brings controlled water to the Coal River in one of the driest areas of Tasmania

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
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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

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