Upper Ringarooma Irrigation Scheme

Tranche One

Nestled in the undulating hills of North-East Tasmania, water from this scheme is also used to supply the domestic needs of local towns

The Upper Ringarooma Irrigation Scheme commenced operations in December 2015 and services the Ringarooma, Legerwood, Branxholm, Alberton, New River, Talawa and Forsyth Hill areas in North East Tasmania. Water is sourced primarily from Dunns Creek and stored in the Dunns Creek Dam. Reliability is underpinned by supplementary pumping from the Ringarooma River during periods of low rainfall.

Water is delivered throughout the district by the river and also via 37.7km of pipeline. Pump stations are incorporated into this scheme at the dam and at Cottons Bridge. Water is also supplied to TasWater from this scheme.

Towns / area serviced

Ringarooma, Legerwood, Branxholm, Alberton, New River, Talawa and Forsyth Hill

Principal primary production focus of scheme

Dairy, potatoes, vegetables, poppies, wheat and pasture for livestock finishing

Length of irrigation season

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

38
KMs of pipeline

1 Dam

Pump Stations

Power Stations



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

August 2012

June 2013

December 2015

5,700 ML

\$28.0 million

37

November

March

38 ML / day

\$1,200 ML

76%

900 ML

