Winnaleah Augmentation

Tranche One

There has been a dam in the Cascade River Gorge since the early 20th century. A further dam was utilised to provide reliable water to a highly diverse agricultural district

The Winnaleah Augmentation, enhancing the existing Winnaleah Irrigation Scheme, commenced operations in May 2015 and services the Winnaleah, Derby and Herrick area in North East Tasmania.

The original Winnaleah Irrigation Scheme commenced operation in 1987. Water for the scheme is collected in Frome Dam, fed by the Frome River and a diversion from the Wyniford River. A pump station is incorporated into the scheme at Toronna. The scheme now has a total capacity of 6,954 ML.

Towns / area serviced

Winnaleah, Derby and Herrick

Principal primary production focus of scheme

Poppies, potatoes, vegetables, dairy, piggeries, grass seed and essential oils.

Length of irrigation season

180-day summer delivery

15 KMs of pipeline 1 Dam

Pump Stations

Power Stations

Burnie-Somerset

Devonost
Launceston

TASMANIA

Franklin-Gordon
Wild Rivers
National Park

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

April 2010
April 2011
May 2012
3,700 ML
\$10.82 million
33
Early October
Early May
38.6 ML / day
\$1,170 / ML

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