Hi everyone,

Construction is progressing well, and I'm pleased to report that we've hit another significant construction milestone, with 80 km of the pipeline now laid. This represents more than 50 per cent of the pipeline construction completed.

This achievement is a credit to the team on the ground who have put in some big days and weekends to ensure that work in several key areas was completed prior to the wedge tailed eagle nesting period. During that period, we're unable to undertake any works in nesting areas between the start of July and end of January.

On behalf of the team at Tasmanian Irrigation, I want to thank farmers for their commitment to the project.

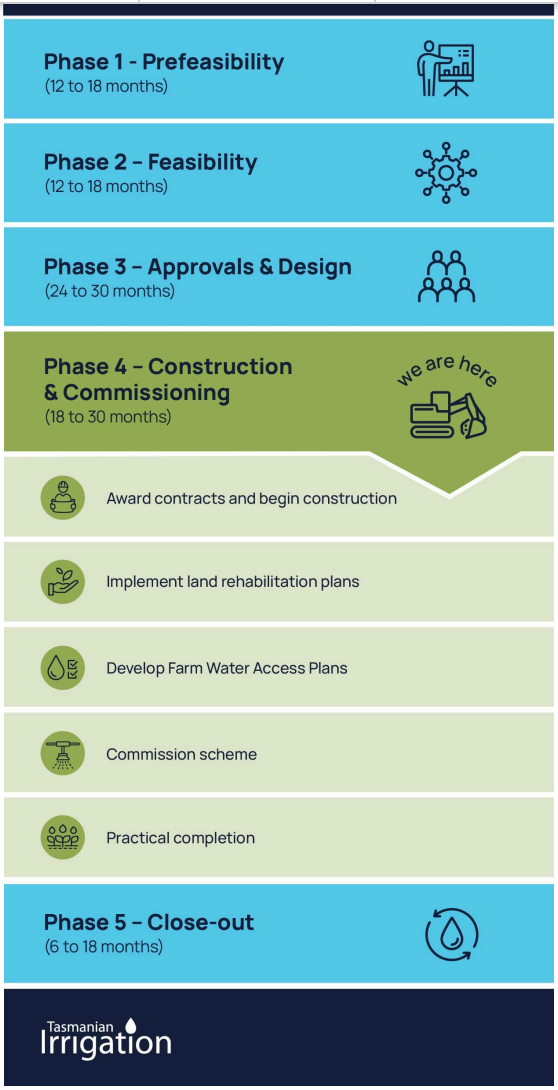
Stay tuned for more updates as the NMIS continues its journey towards completion, delivering a prosperous future for the region's agricultural sector.

Jacob Tierney

Project Manager

Halfway mark for pipeline construction

Farmers Patrick and Mady Taylor joined the Tasmanian Irrigation team on site recently to recognise the significance of the construction milestone. The Taylors will access 850 megalitres of water from the NMIS and say guaranteed



This milestone is a testament to the hard work and collaboration with our head contractor Hazell Bros. Working in multiple teams across the project footprint, each crew can install up to 160 metres of pipe every day. It's also an advantage to source most of the pipe from local manufacturer Vinidex (formerly Zezt) on the State's north west coast. By purchasing pipe locally, the NMIS project supports local businesses, helps create jobs, and stimulates economic growth within Tasmania. Local sourcing also ensures a more reliable and timely supply of materials, allowing the project to stay on schedule.

We are proud to confirm that the project is on track for completion by October 2026, ensuring water availability in time for the summer irrigation season.

On track: Tasmanian Irrigation's Jacob Tierney (Project Manager), Jacob Gerke (GM Project Development and Delivery), and CEO Mike Sylvester with landowners Patrick and Mady Taylor inspect progress on pipe installation

Councillors tour project progress

Members of the Northern Midlands Council recently visited the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme to observe the project's progress and gain insights into its broader economic and community benefits.

Mayor Mary Knowles, along with Councillors Alison Andrews AM, Richard Archer, Dick Adams OAM, and Paul Territt, geared up with hard hats and safety glasses to see construction activity.

The tour showcased key works including excavation, pipe welding, laying and backfilling, offering a firsthand look at the infrastructure driving regional development.

Northern Midlands Council representatives (from left) Cr Paul Territt, Cr Richard Archer, Mayor Cr Mary Knowles, Cr Alison Andrews AM and Cr Dick Adams OAM, with TI Project Managers Jacob Tierney and Marty Wilson

Construction progress report

Construction of the buffer dam at Poatina is making good progress. Since site mobilisation was completed in November 2024, the dam outlet pipes have been installed and pressure tested. The earthen embankment is also now well underway and is 85 per cent complete.

For a full update on construction progress, download our July NMIS Construction Report.

Poatina Buffer Dam and inlet structure in foreground

Thank you to landowners

Progress on construction of the scheme is only possible with the support and cooperation of landowners. We thank all landowners on whose property construction has taken place, or continues to take place.

We continue to communicate with landowners where construction will take place, and our contractor Hazell Bros is liaising directly with landowners about the timing of construction activities on individual properties.

Tasmanian Irrigation is a signatory to the Charter for Working on Private Farm Land. We take our responsibilities under the Charter very seriously. If you have any concerns about how access to your land is being managed, please contact Rex Johnson or Jacob Tierney on the contact details below.

Farm Water Access Plans

Farm Water Access Plans (Farm WAPs) are a requirement for any property accessing water from a Tasmanian Irrigation scheme. They're designed to ensure sustainable use of irrigation

If you've bought water entitlements in the NMIS, you'll need a Farm WAP before you can use the water. The Tasmanian Irrigation team will be reaching out in coming months to help farmers work through the process of establishing or updating their Farm WAPS.

You'll need one application for each property or business entity that's connecting to the NMIS. You can find more information and access the application form on our website..

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