

Irrigator Update

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GREATER SOUTH EAST PROJECT PROGRESS

Dear South East Landowners,

I am pleased to be able to provide you with an update on the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme.

While it has been some time since the last project update, please rest assured that we have been working hard to progress the project, including recently completing a redesign of the scheme, based on water sales applications received to date.

The revised design is similar to the Preferred Option and ensures the majority of applications fall within the project boundaries.

Under this design, water will be sourced from Lake Meadowbank and carried in a main trunkline across Pelham Tier and down to the South East, incorporating the existing schemes. We are now determining if any material spare summer capacity can be included within the parameters of the public funding model.

Unfortunately, the level of water sales achieved to date does not support a larger scheme within our funding conditions, and additional water sales are needed.

Now is the time to apply for additional and / or new water to ensure we design and build a scheme that meets your current and expected demands. Otherwise, it may be too late to access high-surety irrigation water for your property.

"The opportunity is still open to submit an application for water from the scheme. I cannot express more strongly how important it is for all landowners to again assess their irrigation water needs, not only for today, but for future generations and to submit an application for water entitlements as soon as possible."

We received a number of calls from farmers after the Federal Budget, concerned about funding for the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme. I want to reassure you that our project position is unchanged.

Funding has been secured to develop a robust business case for the scheme. Funding to build the scheme will be requested when we submit the business case to the Tasmanian Government.

This is the process that Tasmanian Irrigation has followed to design, construct and commission 15 operational schemes around the State, as well as the current Tranche Three projects.

The draft Business Case for the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme will be presented to the Tasmanian Irrigation Board in the coming months and following their consideration, the business case is to be submitted to the State Government after board approval.

Tasmanian Irrigation is planning to provide additional details on the revised scheme in September/October, as well as the status of your application, ahead of the formal acceptance process.

We appreciate your patience as we finalise the business case and work to secure the vital funding to build the scheme.

Thank you again for your ongoing interest in this project and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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