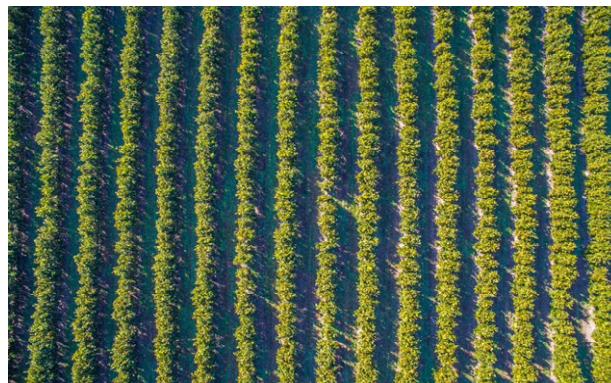


TAS – South East Integration Project



Project phase:	Detailed Business Case
Project phase cost:	\$6.2 million*
Australian Government funding:	\$4.7 million
Other funding:	\$1.6 million (Tasmania Irrigation)
Indicative start/finish:	mid-2021 / mid-2022

Figures do not add due to rounding

Project description

The South East Integration Project would aim to integrate and expand the existing irrigation schemes and effectively creates an integrated water grid for the South East Region of Tasmania. The project aims to provide an additional 12 GL of summer water and 18 GL of winter water into the region. The project aims to increase water security for the region through improving volumes and reliability of supply.

The detailed business case will:

- establish early community sentiment regarding a local irrigation scheme;
- determine the level of demand of irrigators to purchase water entitlements;
- estimate preliminary engineering design and capital and operational expenditure;
- develop detailed feasibility studies that include environmental flows, stream geomorphology, hydrology (including sustainable yield impacts), flora and fauna, cultural heritage and geotechnical; and
- develop a socio-economic report on the enterprise mix and project margins.

Proposed benefits

- Integrates the existing scheme elements to improve water trading opportunities.
- Improves the security of supply of the scheme by developing an improved water supply.
- Increase the availability of irrigation water within the scheme.
- Expand the area serviced by the scheme to include substantial agricultural land that is currently not serviced by an irrigation scheme.

Project location

The project would aim to upgrade the existing South East Irrigation districts, to the north and northeast of Hobart, by providing a linkage to the Derwent River. Agricultural development in the region consists mainly of wine grapes, berry fruits and green leaf crops.

