Greater Meander Irrigation Scheme

Tasmanian Irrigation has completed an 11,000 megalitre augmentation of the Greater Meander Irrigation Scheme, providing additional water to existing irrigators and also new water to additional areas of this highly-productive region.

Greater Meander Irrigation Scheme Augmentation		
Capacity	11,000 ML	
Water Sales Open	13 May 2022	
Water Sales Close	2pm 24 June 2022	
Construction start	August 2022	
Construction complete	7 November 2024	

\$1,550 / ML

Since completing the construction of the Meander Dam in November 2007, a further four pipelines have been built to expand the reach of the water available from the dam to deliver irrigation water to the adjoining farming districts of Caveside / Dairy Plains, Rubicon River, Quamby Brook and Hagley.

Water is captured in the Meander Dam during the winter months and delivered over a 150-day period throughout the district during summer by releases into the Meander River and by pipelines originating along the river.

A mini-hydro power station is also incorporated into the scheme.

Towns / area serviced

Water entitlement cost

Carrick, Caveside, Chudleigh, Dairy Plains, Deloraine, Dunorlan, Elizabeth Town, Exton, Hagley, Meander, Montana, Osmaston and Westbury

Principal primary production focus of scheme

Dairy, poppies, cereals, pyrethrum, pasture seeds, potatoes, vegetables, berries, nuts and pasture for livestock finishing

4.4 KMs of Pipeline	1 Dam	4. Pump Stations	Power Station
Bass Strait	Greater Meander Irrig	gation Scheme	
	Approval		September 2003
	Construction started		December 2006
Burnie - Somerset	Operations commence	d	February 2008
Devonpo	Capacity		39,300 ML
-dulcestoll	Cost		\$21 million
TASMANIA	Number of irrigators		240
Oqueenstown Strahan	Forecast opening		1/11/2022
Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park	Forecast closing		End March
Hobert	Daily flow rate		345 ML / day
Southwest National Park	Initial water sales cost		\$1,100 / ML
National Park	Percentage of entitlem	ents sold	100%
	ML available to buy		0

