



**FACT SHEET NO. 1
(REVISION 7)
2008-09 IRRIGATION INCENTIVES
NON-LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (LWMP) IRRIGATORS
ROUND 2**

Incentives will be offered by the LMD CMA with funds from NSW Catchment Action to irrigation businesses (hereafter referred to as irrigators) within the Lower Murray Darling (LMD) catchment. These incentives are open for a short time until **31st March 2009**, on a first come, first served basis until funds are spent.

Outline: The incentives encourage the adoption of Best Management Practices (BMPs), to yield water savings and more efficient production/irrigation systems by offering financial incentives to irrigators.

Specifically, the objective is:

- To increase water use efficiency in irrigation areas through the provision of financial incentives to irrigators for the installation of irrigation scheduling equipment, irrigation equipment upgrades and irrigation drainage management planning; and
- To make training programs available to irrigators to implement best management practices on-farm.

Participants in the irrigation management course will have confidence in adopting new technology by having a greater understanding of soil water principles, monitoring soil moisture, soil sampling and testing; drainage and salinity; field testing of irrigation systems; drainage management planning and irrigation scheduling.

Application by irrigators of the techniques taught during the course can result in improved water use (less waste – more water potentially available for environmental flows or for use in other low impact areas); lowering ground water tables and reducing salinity discharges into the river.

Investment: Funding is from NSW Catchment Action.

Landholder Contribution: Dollar for dollar contribution is required from landholders. In-kind contributions are accepted (at the standard costing rate of \$30 per hour for labour and with equipment at 80% of the contractor's rate).

Administration: The NSW Department of Primary Industries manage this project.

Applications: Application forms are available from, and must be submitted to, Jeremy Giddings, Irrigation Officer, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Dareton.

Process & Conditions:

1. Landholder submits application (with quotes for works attached) to NSW DPI (Dareton) by **5:00pm 31st March 2009** (NOTE: *Applications will be assessed on a first come, first served basis until funds are spent*)
2. NSW DPI assesses application (includes site inspection)
3. NSW DPI provides assessment response to landholder (granting approval to proceed and outlining value of funding; OR declining proposal)
4. Landholder completes works **IMPORTANT: Must be completed by 31st May 2009**
5. NSW DPI inspects works
6. NSW DPI authorises payment of incentives
7. Landholder invoices LMD CMA for reimbursement of expenditure (receipts for works must be attached) **IMPORTANT: LMD CMA must receive invoice by 31st May 2009**

Incentives offered:

- Part A (Irrigation Drainage Management Plan - IDMP) (including irrigation system checks) – to a maximum of \$7,500 per irrigator;
- Part B (Irrigation System Upgrade) – equipment upgrade to a maximum of \$15,000 per irrigator;
- Part C (Irrigation Scheduling) – installation of soil moisture monitoring equipment to a maximum of \$7,500 per irrigator;
- Irrigation Management Course – training provided by NSW DPI at a nominal cost to the irrigator.

Landholder contributions can include \$ for \$ in-kind contributions at a standard rate of \$30.00 per hour and equipment at 80% of contractor's rate. In-kind contribution calculations need to be provided with the application.

Conditions:

- Eligibility: All irrigators in the Lower Murray Darling catchment are eligible. However, irrigators in the LWMP area (Coomealla, Curlwaa, Buronga, Mourquong and Gol Gol) should contact Western Murray Irrigation on (03) 5027 4963. Non-LWMP irrigators (Menindee, Ellerslie, Pomona, Wentworth, Boeill Creek, Trentham Cliffs to Euston and all other private diverters) should contact Jeremy Giddings on (03) 5019 8421.
- Prerequisites: Successful completion of the ***Irrigation Management Course*** is a prerequisite to applying for the other irrigation incentives. It is compulsory to complete an ***Irrigation Drainage Management Plan*** to receive a Part B or Part C incentive.
- Previous incentives: A property that has received assistance under a previous incentive program may be eligible for assistance for the same type of works, providing that a further improvement to water use efficiency can be demonstrated.
- Property definition: a property is defined as an area serviced by a single pump, headworks or outlet; or an area held under a single title, whatever is the larger. This definition applies to the situation at the time of the incentive application.

Further Information:

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