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SPECIAL INCENTIVE ROUND OPENS FOR LOWER MURRAY DARLING IRRIGATORS

Good news is here. The Lower Murray Darling CMA (LMD CMA) wants to give away incentive dollars to irrigators in the LMD Catchment who are eligible for a new round of irrigation incentives that are now open with applications closing on 31 October 2008.

The main focus of these incentives is to assist irrigators in adopting more efficient irrigation systems by offering financial assistance for irrigation system upgrades, irrigation scheduling equipment and irrigation and drainage management planning. By adopting the latest technology, irrigators can achieve water savings and ensure that their irrigation systems are effectively and efficiently delivering the correct amount of water.

The LMD CMA has \$195,000 which is available to irrigators outside the Land and Water Management Plan area, under the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) to improve their irrigation systems and management.

“This is an excellent opportunity for irrigators in the catchment to receive a financial incentive for on-ground work which will improve their irrigation efficiency and sustainability” said LMD CMA Chair Mr Mark King. “It is difficult to undertake capital works required to become more water efficient and to protect the environment if you are struggling for income. These works will also assist the CMA in meeting its targets for on ground works”.

Mr King said it was important to continue to improve water use efficiency especially given the current water shortages and the very likely prospect of another difficult irrigation season.

Fact sheet and application form are available now by calling Jeremy Giddings (NSW DPI) on 03 5019 8421 or visiting www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au

This incentive round is open for a short time until 5:00 pm on 31 October 2008 on a first come first served basis, until funds run out.

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