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IRRIGATION INCENTIVE ROUND 2 FOR NSW LOWER MURRAY DARLING IRRIGATORS

Round 2 irrigation incentives for 2008-09 has now opened in the NSW Lower Murray Darling catchment. This incentive is open for a short time until **31 March 2009** and irrigators are encouraged to apply.

The main focus of these incentives is to assist irrigators in adopting more efficient irrigation systems by offering financial assistance for training, irrigation drainage management planning, irrigation system upgrades and irrigation scheduling equipment. 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.

“It is difficult to undertake capital works if you are struggling for income”, said Lower Murray Darling CMA Chair Mr Mark King, “so this is an opportunity not to be missed”.

“Eligible irrigators can receive a financial grant to become more water efficient and to protect the environment. These works will also help the LMD CMA in meeting its environmental targets” he said.

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.

A 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 closes at 5.00pm on **31 March 2009** and is on a first come first served basis, until funds run out.

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