

Media Release

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Construction jobs advertised on internet

Civil construction work packages for the irrigation renewal in Northern Victoria are now available via the internet.

This is year two of the \$2 billion investment to upgrade the irrigation delivery system being undertaken by the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP).

The tenders are currently advertised on the www.tenderlink.com/transfieldservices website and more will be included over the next three weeks. The varied work packages include major works to install gates, meters, walkways and handrails for the structures and the supply and delivery of concrete and quarry products.

“In Echuca recently when the project was outlined at an industry briefing, over 250 contractors attended, some from large companies and others were family partnerships,” CEO of NVIRP Murray Smith said.

“With more than 80 per cent of those contractors working in northern Victoria we know that not only will farm businesses be gaining from a better irrigation delivery system, many of these local contractors will be employed on the biggest infrastructure project happening in Victoria at this time.

“The irrigation industry in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District is undergoing the biggest transformation ever and these work opportunities to deliver Stage 1 of the two stages of this project have been funded by the Victorian Government (\$600 million) Melbourne Water (\$300m) and Goulburn-Murray Water (\$100m).

“The water savings of 425 gigalitres achieved from Stages 1 and 2 of this irrigation renewal project will see 80 per cent of the savings stay in northern Victoria being shared by irrigators and the environmental, and 20 per cent will be available for Melbourne via the Sugarloaf Pipeline,” Mr Smith said.

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