

# Northern Victoria Irrigation Development Guidelines

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

## FACT SHEET 9 - Overview of the roles and responsibilities for new irrigation developments

*This fact sheet outlines the roles and responsibilities of the developer of a new irrigation development and of the Agriculture Victoria Irrigation Development Coordinator (IDC).*

*Please take a moment to read it, to ensure that you understand your obligations.*

*Where there is any uncertainty, please seek clarification before proceeding.*

### DEVELOPER / LANDOWNER

All developers of new irrigation developments (and significant re-developments) within the Goulburn Murray Water region of Northern Victoria must follow the Northern Victoria New Irrigation Development Guidelines 2020 (NVIDG).

You are advised to contact an Irrigation Development Coordinator before you proceed.

It is the developer's responsibility to understand the Guidelines.

It is the developer's responsibility to be clear about:

- What approvals will be needed from the various agencies
- How much these approvals will cost
- How long it will likely take to receive approval
- Understanding how this will impact on your development.
- You must ensure that no infrastructure works commence prior to receiving the appropriate approvals.

### AGRICULTURE VICTORIA IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (IDC)

#### What we will do

- An Irrigation Development Coordinator (IDC) will explain the intent of the Guidelines.
- The IDC will undertake a preliminary assessment of your proposed development.
- The IDC will provide the developer with an understanding of the potential complexity of the assessment process, the information needed to be collected, and any issues which may impact on the time required to gain approvals and/or impact on the project cost structure.
- The IDC will provide free impartial advice on a range of topics including explaining requirements and your responsibilities regarding native vegetation and cultural heritage considerations, planning controls for earthworks and off-site impacts (drainage and flood mitigation).
- The IDC will provide information and advice to ensure all irrigation design options are discussed and understood.

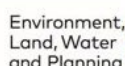
#### What we won't do

- We won't recommend any one contractor or comment on what/how they charge.
- We don't issue approval for you to commence your development.
- There is no charge for the IDC service.

#### Contact an Irrigation Development Coordinator

Agriculture Victoria employs Irrigation Development Coordinators (IDCs) in Northern Victoria to provide information about the Guidelines and to guide applicants through the approvals process.

The IDC service is provided at no charge and can save developers considerable time and resources.



## Complete an Irrigation Development Application Form

To commence the approval process, developers must obtain an Irrigation Development Application Form from the relevant IDC and return the completed form to the IDC.

The completed Irrigation Development Application Form provides the basis for preliminary assessments. The IDC will undertake a desktop analysis to examine readily known issues which may prevent the development from going ahead and/or have a large impact upon the viability of the development. A site visit may be required to clarify development issues that may require further investigation.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Developers are urged to contact an IDC as early as possible to discuss their proposed irrigation development activity. A preliminary discussion with an IDC will provide the developer with a thorough understanding of the potential complexity of the assessment process, the information needed to be collected and any issues which may impact on the time required to gain approvals and/or impact on the project cost structure.

The IDC can provide an information kit containing related fact sheets:

- Overview of the NVIDG process
- Irrigation and drainage plan
- Protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Native vegetation protection
- Buffer standards for native vegetation protection
- Applying for a works licence
- Public land managers consent application
- Siting and design guidelines for works licences

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