



Murray Irrigation

Update on Sub-System Retirement project

As part of the Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP), Murray Irrigation is currently implementing a Sub-System Retirement (SSR) project.

In line with this, I thought it would be timely to provide readers with an update as to how the project is progressing.

Tenders for upcoming decommissioning works were recently awarded. Contractors Northern Construction Group (Echuca) and Moulamein Earthmovers are anticipated to begin onsite channel decommissioning works in mid-March (subject to approvals).

Total length of channel to be decommissioned is in excess of 35km.

The SSR project involves the voluntary strategic retirement of landholdings from Murray Irrigation's area of operations and disconnection from related channel delivery system infrastructure. A total of 30 landholdings, broadly located south and west of Moulamein, are taking part in the project.

As part of the project, Murray Irrigation is assisting landholders to convert to dryland farming and to establish an alternate source of stock and domestic water supply.

Participation in the SSR project is voluntary for landholders.

The SSR project is part of PIIOP Round 2. Murray Irrigation successfully received funding for the PIIOP Round 2 project in 2012.

For full details on our PIIOP project, I'd encourage readers to visit our new-look website - www.murrayirrigation.com.au/piiop/. Here you will find detailed information about the project overall, as well as maps, photos, an archive of customer testimonials, newspaper advertisements, media releases, radio interviews and a glossary of terms.

Murray Irrigation's PIIOP project, which includes the SSR project, has received funding of \$169.2 million from the Australian Government's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) in NSW.

Jarryd Pearce
PIIOP Project Lead

Small profile to be included with column:

Jarryd Pearce started with Murray Irrigation in August 2015. His role as an SSR Project Lead is to manage the works associated with decommissioning Murray Irrigation's assets. Jarryd has worked predominately in the irrigation industry since 2010, throughout NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia. He studied a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) at La Trobe University in Bendigo. He is a graduate of Deniliquin High School and says he is very happy to be working back in his home town.

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