



Media Release

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New CEO for irrigation modernisation project

The newly appointed CEO of northern Victoria's irrigation modernisation project is George Warne former General Manager of Murray Irrigation Limited and more recently CEO of NSW State Water Corporation.

He replaces Murray Smith the inaugural CEO who leaves the project after almost four years.

Mr Warne will join the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP) team in January as the CEO until the proposed integration takes place mid-year (2012) between NVIRP and Goulburn-Murray Water.

The appointment was announced today by the new Chair of NVIRP and Ardmona resident Peter McCamish who recently was appointed Chair following the resignation of Richard Guy OAM.

Both Peter McCamish and George Warne have a long association with irrigated agriculture and horticulture and will guide the \$2.2 billion two stage project, funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments and being delivered simultaneously with a completion date of 2018.

The project will increase the efficiency of the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District system to over 85% and is a significant investment in local communities across Northern Victoria and will underpin the regions agricultural, horticultural and value adding industries.

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