

Media Release

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Meeting for Campaspe irrigators

Landowners in the Campaspe Irrigation District are encouraged to attend a meeting at the Campaspe Golf Club Rochester this Thursday night, (25 March) convened by staff of the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project.

NVIRP's Modernisation Manager David Kent will present the outcome from the responses to a letter in which landowners were asked whether they wished to either remain in irrigation or leave permanently.

"This is another meeting adding to those we have already convened, to assist the community with the changes that lie ahead. We have been exceedingly busy answering questions in relation to the ongoing supply of domestic and stock water in a reconfigured system.

"For those wishing to continue in agricultural irrigation, our modernisation staff will work to facilitate a water plan for their future using the backbone channels like the Waranga Western Channel or the Campaspe river.

"We have also gained an understanding that many landowners wish to exit irrigation and we are looking at how we can make that a reality for them.

"NVIRP has encouraged those landowners still undecided to seek independent professional advice and has offered a one-off payment of up to \$1000 for landowners to discuss their options with their accountant or solicitor or another professional," Mr Kent said.

"I do thank the Campaspe community for not only leading this important decision making process but being supportive of the process we have undertaken to help us reach an agreeable outcome for all."

Meeting time 8pm Campaspe Golf Club, Rochester or more information phone 1300 163 006

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