

The Connections Program is progressing well with substantial progress made towards identifying and formalising business cases to satisfy NVIRP Stage 1 targets. A total of 1,434 business cases have been developed, of which 64% have been agreed with landowners, compared to 7% that have been rejected.

**Table 1**

Business Case Status	30 November	31 January	% Target	Change
Under development	185	183	13%	-2
Developed	1,241	1,251	87%	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,434</b>		<b>8</b>
Formally agreed (legal agreements executed and incentive payment processed/pending)	584	629	50%	45
Verbally agreed by all landowners involved in business case	200	177	14%	-23
Under consideration or farm irrigation assessment	202	189	15%	-13
Parked	173	173	14%	0
Rejected or closed	82	83	7%	1
<b>Total Developed Business Cases</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,251</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Acceptance rate</b> <i>(verbal + formal) as percentage of (verbal + formal + rejected)</i>	<b>91%</b>	<b>91%</b>		

**The following table shows the progress made against each of the key program targets through identified business cases:**

**Table 2**

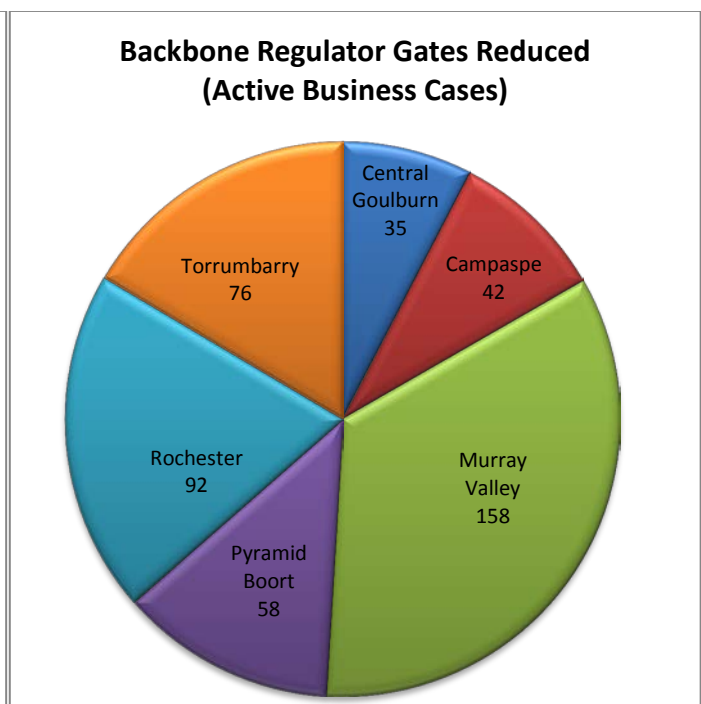
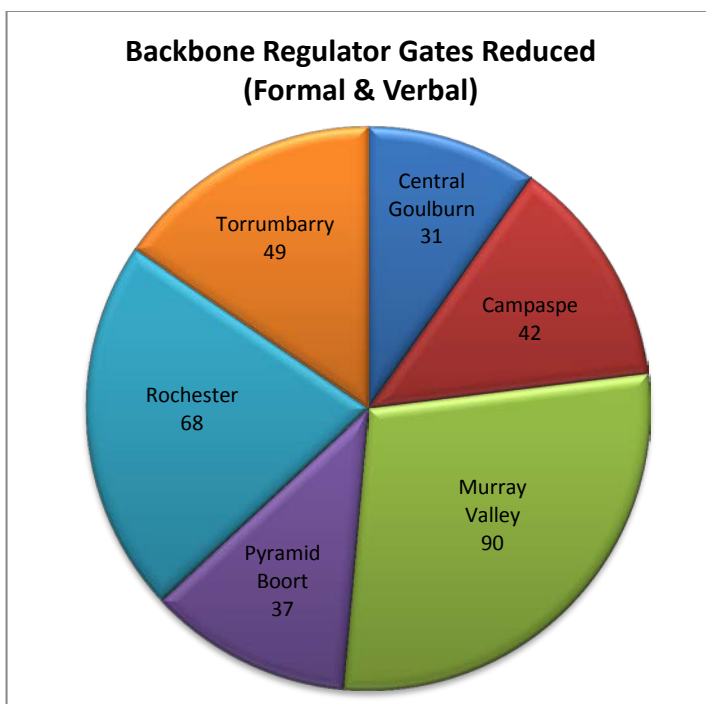
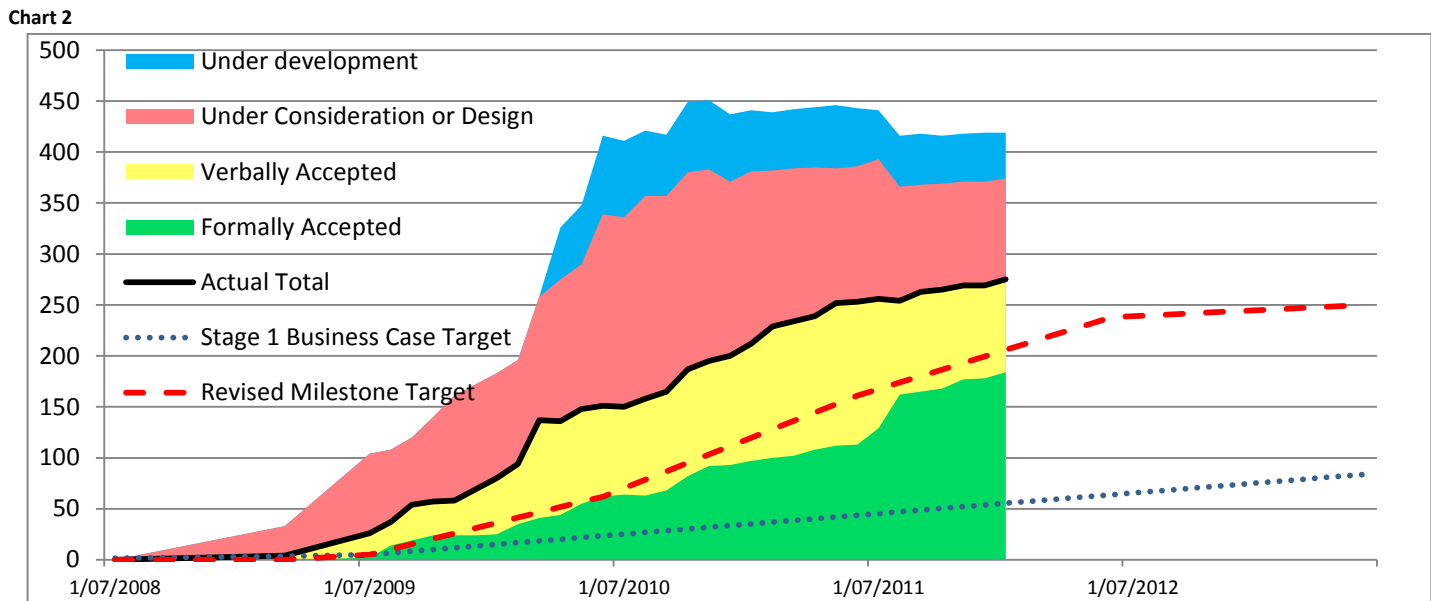
Key Milestones	Identified 31 January 2011	Program Target	% of Target identified	Verbal & Formal
Backbone Regulator Gates Reduced	374	250	150%	275
Backbone Service Points Reduced	1,443	1,877	77%	1,309
Delivery Shares Transferred to Backbone	3,090 ML/day	2,258 ML/day	139%	1,708 ML/day
Channel Reduced	1,242 km	859 km	145%	684 km

**The following legend applies to the data on pages 2-5:**

Business Cases Formally Agreed (executed Legal Agreements)
Business Cases Verbally Agreed to by Landowners
Business Cases under consideration or pending Farm Design
Business Cases currently under development by NVIRP

## Backbone Regulator Gates Reduced

Table 3	31 January 2012	% Target	Net Change
Formally Agreed (Legal Agreements) <sup>3.1</sup>	184 gates	74%	6 gates
Verbally Agreed (Pending Legal Agreement execution) <sup>3.2</sup>	91 gates	36%	-1 gates
Under Consideration or Design	99 gates	40%	-3gates
Business Cases Under Development	45 gates	18%	-3 gates
Parked or Rejected Business Cases	81 gates	32%	2 gates
<b>Total Backbone Regulator Gates identified</b>	<b>500 gates</b>	<b>200%</b>	<b>1 gates</b>
Program Target to 31 January 2012	250 gates	100%	0 gates
Total Program Target	250 gates		

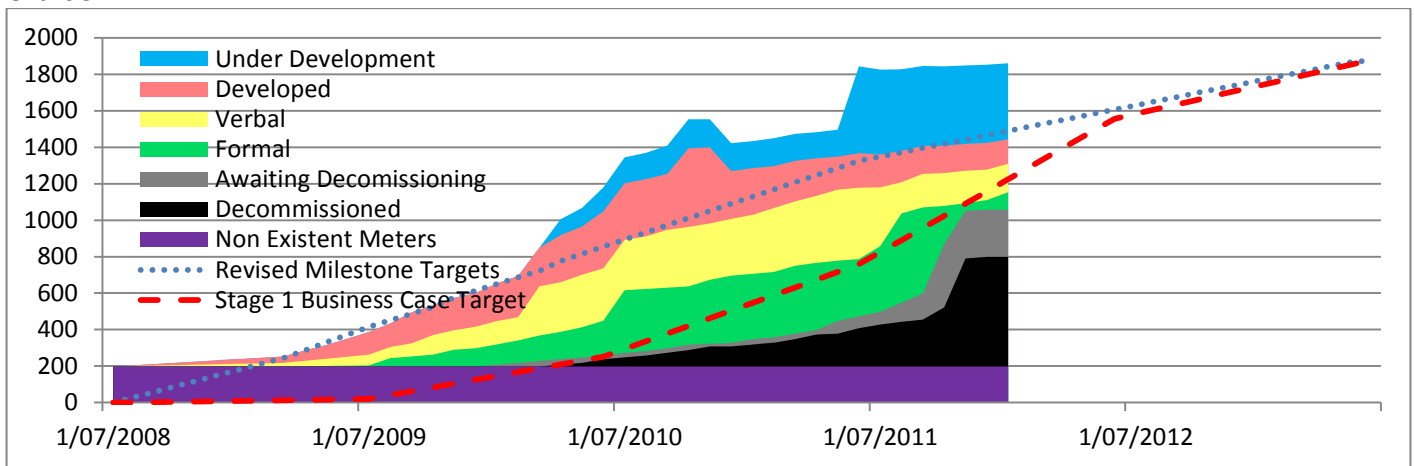


### Backbone Service Points Reduced

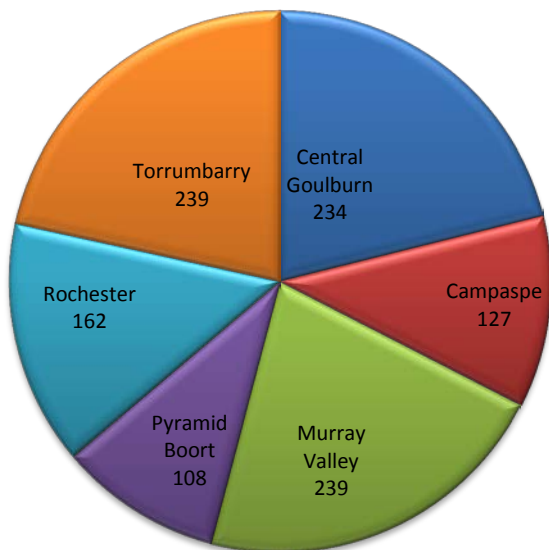
Table 4	31 January 2012	% Target	Net Change
Decommissioned*	601 Service Points	32%	0 Service Points
Awaiting Decommissioning*	258 Service Points	18%	0 Service Points
Formally Agreed (Legal Agreements) <sub>4.1</sub>	955 Service Points	51%	43 Service Points
Verbally Agreed (Pending Legal Agreement execution) <sub>4.2</sub>	156 Service Points	8%	-11 Service Points
Under Consideration or Design	134 Service Points	7%	-13 Service Points
Business Cases Under Development	417 Service Points	22%	-11 Service Points
Non-existent Meters	198 Service Points	10%	0 Service Points
Parked or Rejected Business Cases	139 Service Points	7%	1 Service Points
<b>Total Backbone Service Points identified</b>	<b>1,999 Service Points</b>	<b>106%</b>	<b>9 Service Points</b>
Program Target to 31 January 2012	1,489 Service Points	79%	23 Service Points
Total Program Target	1,877 Service Points		

\*Decommissioned figures for January were unavailable at time of reporting . Figures shown are for December 2011

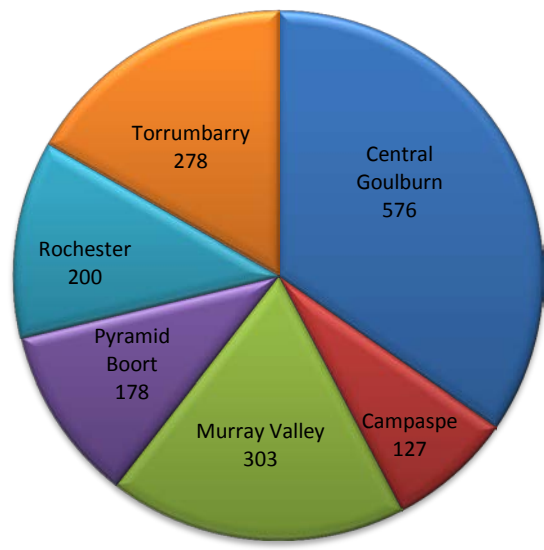
Chart 3



Backbone Service Points Reduced (Formal & Verbal)



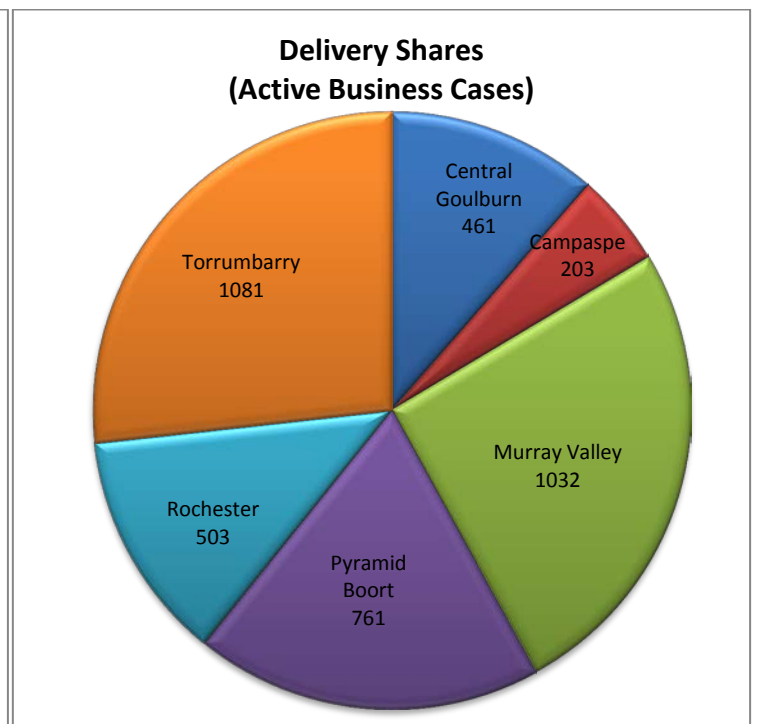
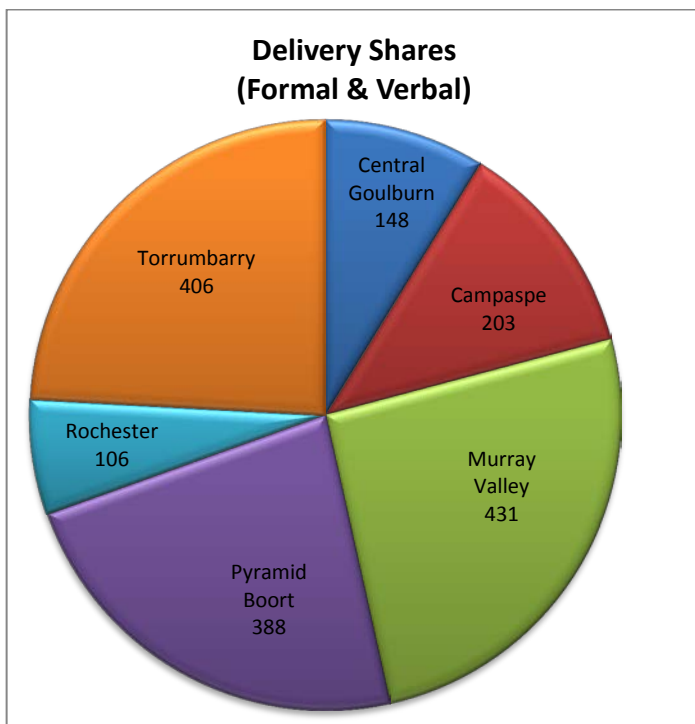
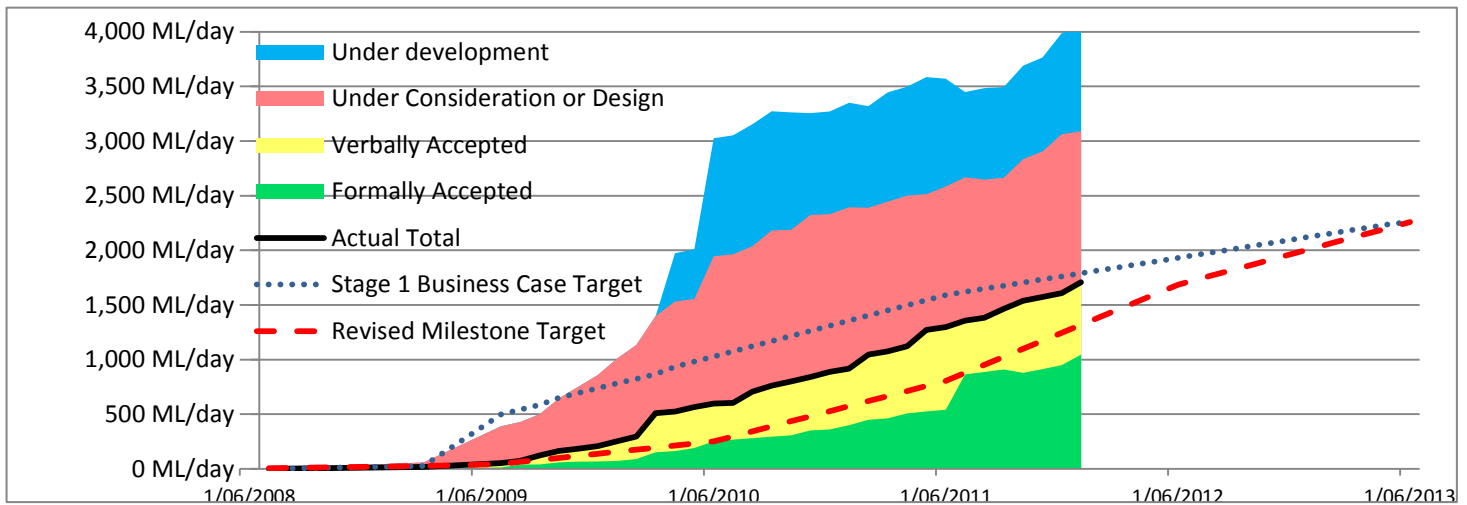
Backbone Service Points Reduced (Active Business Cases)



## Delivery Shares Transferred to Backbone

Table 5	31 January 2012	% Target	Net Change
Formally Agreed (Legal Agreements) <sub>5.1</sub>	1,046 ML/day	46%	96 ML/day
Verbally Agreed (Pending Legal Agreement execution) <sub>5.2</sub>	662 ML/day	29%	3 ML/day
Under Consideration or Design	1,382 ML/day	61%	-72 ML/day
Business Cases Under Development	956 ML/day	42%	30 ML/day
Parked or Rejected Business Cases	760 ML/day	34%	-4 ML/day
<b>Total Delivery Share identified</b>	<b>4,806 ML/day</b>	<b>213%</b>	<b>53 ML/day</b>
Program Target to 31 January 2012	1,790 ML/day	79%	28 ML/day
Total Program Target	2,258 ML/day		

Chart 4



## Channel Reduced

Table 6	31 January 2012	% Target	Net Change
Decommissioned*	143 km	17%	0 km
Awaiting Decommissioning*	60 Km	7%	0 km
Formally Agreed (Legal Agreements) <sup>6.1</sup>	371 km	43%	34 km
Verbally Agreed (Pending Legal Agreement execution) <sup>6.2</sup>	239 km	28%	-2 km
Under Consideration or Design	632 km	74%	-25 km
Business Cases Under Development	463 km	54%	15 km
Parked or Rejected Business Cases	247 km	29%	-2 km
<b>Total Channel identified for rationalisation</b>	<b>1,952 km</b>	<b>227%</b>	<b>20 km</b>
Program Target to 31 January 2012	684 km	80%	11 km
Total Program Target	859 km		

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Chart 5

