

Echuca, Monday 11 October 2010

Will any vegetation offset works be completed?

We are required to develop offset management plans for each of the Works Programs; however, no specific details are available at this time with regard to the recently completed Winter Works Program. We continually look for offset opportunities and NVIRP does more than the bare minimum in this regard.

Will Stage 1 overlap with Stage 2 of the NVIRP project?

On the assumption that Stage 2 is approved, the project will continue to 2017 and Stage 1 and Stage 2 will overlap. Stage 1 involves the final automation of the system and Stage 2 is a continuation of the Connections Program that will complete the overall modernisation program. We will provide advice to the irrigation industry on Stage 2 as an announcement unfolds.

What role would Transfield Services Australia (TSA) play in managing the Stage 2 Works?

The Managing Contractor role depends on how the funding is provided for Stage 2 and any conditions that the Commonwealth may impose with regard to procurement. NVIRP may take a more hands on role or consider a managing contractor or similar approach. A decision will be made in due course, however the construction industry will not see any difference in continuity and how we operate.

Further Clarification

- Use the Expression of Interest forms on the tenders page of NVIRP's website to register for work – www.nvirp.com.au
- Follow directions on that page to register for Tenderlink and the use the TSA Tenderlink forum for any further questions
- An independent probity advisor, Anne Dalton, can be contacted via email address anne.dalton@sparke.com.au