

Media Release

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Governor inspects NVIRP construction works

Victorian Governor David de Kretser today inspected some of the works being undertaken in the \$2 billion irrigation modernisation project in northern Victoria.

Accompanied by his wife, the Governor met the Acting Chairman of the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP) Peter McCamish and inspected a channel area in the Central Goulburn Irrigation District north of Kyabram lined with High Density Polyethylene (HDPE).

The channel had been recently lined with around 500 metres of HDPE and is central to the project's 2009 Winter Works where 15 kilometres of lined channels will be installed in the Central Goulburn area.

"We were delighted to be able to show the Governor a small construction site in what is a massive irrigation renewal project and explain to him that this was a channel system that was losing water every time the system operated. By reducing the losses in the system, 80 per cent of the savings will stay in the north of the state and less than 20 per cent will be available for Melbourne," Mr McCamish said.

The Vice Regal couple were in the north of the state as guests of the Campaspe Shire.

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A photo is available on request.

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