



# Media Release

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## Irrigation modernisation questions for NVIRP

Irrigation modernisation and channel automation were the topics on irrigator's minds at this week's Leitchfield Field Day. The Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP) officers attended the field day organised by the Torrumbarry Reconfiguration and Asset Modernisation Strategy team (TRAMS).

Irrigators were keen to discuss and become aware of the processes of modernisation in the Torrumbarry region where 61 NVIRP regulators were installed during the winter shut-down period (May-August) upgrading the Torrumbarry No 1 channel.

Many irrigators discussed linking-in with neighbours to maximise their future water delivery opportunities. These were local solutions to their future farming investment.

There was a common theme for irrigators around upgrading their farms now or waiting for future reconfiguration and modernisation information. Each time they brought the examples back to their on-farm experience and were seeking to develop the opportunities for adjusting, where and how, water would flow onto their farms in the future.

NVIRP has been invested to modernise the channel infrastructure in the Goulburn Murray irrigation region. Farmers directly adjoining the currently automated Torrumbarry No1 channel will be consulted shortly regarding upgrading their on-farm meter. Already site preparations and measurements are underway for next year's winter works.

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