

Media Release

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Stock up stock and domestic water

In the lead-up to construction works throughout the irrigation channel network, landowners in five irrigation districts have been reminded that they need to have considered their domestic and stock requirements for winter.

The Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP) capital construction works commence from 18 May in designated channels throughout the system and landowners have been advised to fill dams now before the channel levels decrease.

“To enable this extensive construction program to be completed within the limited timeframe available, Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) will reduce the water level in channels and we don’t want any landowner missing out on supplies,” NVIRP CEO Murray Smith said.

“The construction works being undertaken this winter will concentrate on the major channels or backbone and landowners will notice reduced channel levels from the close of the irrigation season on 15 May.

“Every effort will be made by NVIRP to minimise disruption throughout the irrigation shut-down but in some instances we need to de-silt and de-water before our contractors can commence work.

“While aiming to create a world’s best practice irrigation system we are mindful of keeping everyone informed of the progress of the project, so all landowners should have received a letter from NVIRP now,” Mr Smith said.

Construction activities for the 2009 Winter Works will be managed by NVIRP’s managing contractor Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Ltd.

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