

Benefits of Rationalisation Fact Sheet

Rationalisation of under-used service points and other water infrastructure has many benefits for an irrigation area and can enable connection to the modernised system. But what does it mean for your property?

Existing Situation



When talking with NVIRP's Farm Designers or Modernisation Coordinators, we encourage you to consider opportunities to rationalise irrigation assets you don't need. Our research has shown many assets in Goulburn Murray Water's systems are significantly underutilised for a range of reasons. Rationalising assets will improve overall performance, viability and affordability, and may assist with funding a connection to the modernised backbone which will provide better service.

Possible rationalisation



- A&B citizens services #1243567
- Regulator
- Road/occupation culvert
- Subway/siphon
- Footbridge
- Combination regulator/culvert
- Meter outlet

Less service fees

Removing service points means less service fees to pay. You may be entitled to receive compensation for removing surplus assets, and may be able to connect to the modernised backbone.

Working with neighbours

Talk with your neighbours who take water from the same sources as yours. Are there opportunities to rationalise channels or service points that will benefit all water users? Could a section of land be more efficiently serviced by an alternative source of water?

Regaining land

If channels are rationalised, the land previously utilised by the channel filled in and become available to you for productive use.

Better production, less water

You could achieve the same level or greater level of production using less water. Modern outlets can deliver two to three times more water than a Dethridge wheel - up to 25 ML/day - with more consistent flow. This assists a quicker flow over the paddocks and the opportunity to improve productivity, using less water.

Rationalisation maximises water savings

By decommissioning a redundant channel, leakage, seepage and evaporation losses are eliminated. 40% of all water saved from Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the modernisation program will be returned to land owners as water entitlement, ultimately benefitting you.

One time only compensation

As part of the modernisation process, where rationalisation of assets is recommended by a Farm Irrigation Designer, a financial compensation package will be offered, based on a consistent set of guidelines. The package will depend on the water savings generated from the proposal and the on-farm costs involved. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enhance your farm business.

Purchasing adjoining properties

By purchasing a neighbouring property, a significant amount of irrigation infrastructure can be rationalised to generate more efficient on-farm irrigation practices and water savings.

Financial incentives may be available to assist with the costs involved with purchasing and amalgamating adjoining properties.

Contact your Modernisation Coordinator on 1300 163 006 to discuss opportunities for your property.