



FUNDING FOR ON-FARM SYSTEM UPGRADES

Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) encourages all customers who would like to upgrade their on-farm infrastructure to consider applying for funding under Round 2 of the Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP2) in New South Wales.

Part of MI's PIIOP2 funding is allocated for upgrades for eligible on-farm water delivery infrastructure.

This now includes farms in the MIA which are proposed to have remote monitoring installed.

You may be eligible for funding in return for transferring water to the Australian Government. To be eligible you must not have a current application accepted or pending with any other Australian Government funded on-farm initiative. Funding is not available to the Wah Wah Stock and Domestic Area.

PIIOP background information

In December 2011, the Australian Government announced \$149.6 million in funding for MI under PIIOP2. The aim of PIIOP is to improve the efficiency and productivity of water use and management of irrigation networks and deliver water savings for the environment. Water entitlements resulting from water savings generated from projects, both off and on-farm, will help to secure a sustainable future for irrigation communities.

Expressions of interest (EOI)

The PIIOP2 funding is limited and you are encouraged to contact the MI as soon as possible to discuss any proposed projects.

To access funding for eligible on-farm activities, you will be required to complete an EOI application with MI - there is no guarantee that your application will be successful.

If your EOI is successful it will form the basis of your Workplan, which will need to be submitted to, and approved by, the Australian Government before work can commence. The project will require participating customers to complete a legally binding proponent agreement that reflects the mandatory requirements specified by the Australian Government.



Eligible on-farm activities include:

- **Stock and domestic systems** - including pipes, valves, storages, telemetry monitoring, tanks, troughs and bores
- **Irrigation infrastructure** - such as high/low pressure drip irrigation, soil moisture monitoring, storage, recycling systems or channel lining
- **Meters** - telemetry and related base stations
- **Laser levelling** - to improve field water flows, and
- **Other** - to be agreed in writing on a case by case basis.

There are many ineligible activities such as fencing, solar power and expansion activities. Please refer to the Modernisation section of our website for more information.

How will the funding be available?

Funding will be administered by MI directly to the approved suppliers and subcontractors. The Provider Panel list on our website lists all approved suppliers and subcontractors.

MI will undertake progress inspections and review of the on-farm works to ensure that the project will achieve the water savings objectives.

Where can I get further information?

For further information, see our website, www.mirrigration.com.au or contact Project Manager, On-farm Works
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