



Progress for irrigation scheme

THE successful tender for constructing the \$29 million Don Irrigation Scheme will be announced next month.

Water Minister Guy Barnett said tenders have now closed to construct the laying of 67 kilometres of pipeline and the construction of three pump stations.

"The high-surety irrigation water will enable farmers around Don to diversify, expand, increase rotations, value add and invest in additional infrastructure that will assist the Tasmanian government reach its ambitious target of increasing the farm-gate value of the state's agricultural sector to \$10 billion by 2050," he said.

Construction of the Don Irrigation Scheme is expected to conclude and water is forecast to flow in 2023.

The Don Irrigation Scheme is one of 10 projects part of the statewide Pipeline to Prosperity project.

The Pipeline to Prosperity project is expected to provide

more than 78,000 megalitres of water, create up to 2600 full-time jobs, trigger an additional \$150 million in on-farm private investment and inject an estimated \$114 million each year into the sector, and economy more broadly.

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