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National Water Grid funding to benefit four Tasmanian projects

The Tasmanian Liberal Government welcomes \$20 million in Federal funding for four water projects in Tasmania under the National Water Grid Connections funding pathway initiative.

Tasmania is already leading the nation in terms of new sustainable irrigation schemes that are boosting agriculture towards our goal of \$10 billion value at the farm gate by 2050.

These four new projects will each receive \$5 million of Federal funding to deliver enhanced water quality and reliability while also promoting regional economic growth and sustainability.

The successful projects are:

- \$5 million for the augmentation of the Greater Meander Irrigation Scheme.
- \$5 million for Shellfish Lease Water Quality Improvement Program to upgrade sewerage pump stations close to shellfish lease areas.
- \$5 million for an expansion of the Penna Recycled Water Scheme.
- \$5m for the South Arm Recycled Water Pipeline, which is a reuse scheme to deliver irrigation water to the South Arm Peninsula.

The National Water Grid Connections initiative is designed to deliver the construction of smaller-scale projects to provide short-term economic stimulus and to support primary production and unlock potential in regional communities.

Up to \$20 million was made available for each state and territory to deliver projects over the next two years, with an Australian Government contribution of up to \$5 million per project.

For further information, visit www.nationalwatergrid.gov.au