

FACT SHEET

RECONFIGURATION PLANS

Goulburn Murray Water is now delivering the Water Efficiency Project (WEP).

WEP is a \$177.5 million off-farm modernisation project funded by the Commonwealth Government that delivers an additional 15.9 GL of water savings to the region without on farm work.

The Project is expected to improve irrigation standards for more than 1000 customers avoiding buy-backs for irrigators.

The team will consult with landowners on proposed changes that effect their existing service.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE WORK?

Reconfiguration plans indicate the way in which we plan to update the network as part of our work. The reconfiguration process is shown in the table below.

DESKTOP CONCEPT RECONFIGURATION PLAN

Landowners are given a copy of the desktop concept reconfiguration plan at a Group Channel meeting.

CONCEPT RECONFIGURATION PLAN

The plan is updated based on our engagement with you and activities such as survey or geotechnical investigations.

DRAFT FINAL RECONFIGURATION PLAN

The Concept Reconfiguration Plan is reviewed by the project team. If it meets with our requirements it will become the draft final reconfiguration plan. You will now have at least 30-days to make a submission on the proposed work.

RECONFIGURATION PLAN

The Project team will review the plan again with any submissions and recommendations from the Independent Reviewer. If there are no changes needed this becomes the final Reconfiguration Plan.

WHAT IS A DESKTOP CONCEPT RECONFIGURATION PLAN?

The process starts with the preparation of a plan that shows the current configuration of assets on a channel or group of channels, and how we propose to reconfigure them. We give you a copy of this plan at the Group channel meetings or any other form of meeting.

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During early consultation we ask for feedback from landowners. This consultation continues with one on one meetings, along with survey and geotechnical studies in the local area. The plan is refined and a Concept Reconfiguration Plan is developed.

While we try to accommodate changes it is not always possible, however we will always work with you within the Project's Operational Rules.



DO I HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE A FORMAL SUBMISSION?

Following our initial consultation with you we may decide to adopt what is called a Draft Final Reconfiguration Plan. If this happens, you will have at least 30 days to make a formal submission.

Submissions made to us are also independently reviewed to give additional assurance to you that our decisions are in line with our Operational Rules.

The final Reconfiguration Plan is then issued.

WHAT DOES THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW PROCESS INVOLVE?

An Independent Reviewer has been appointed by the Department of Environment Land and Water to review submissions made and make recommendations as to whether a plan is consistent with the Project's Operational Rules.

WHAT ARE THE OPERATIONAL RULES?

The Operational Rules are a set of principles developed by the Water Efficiency Project. They address things like:

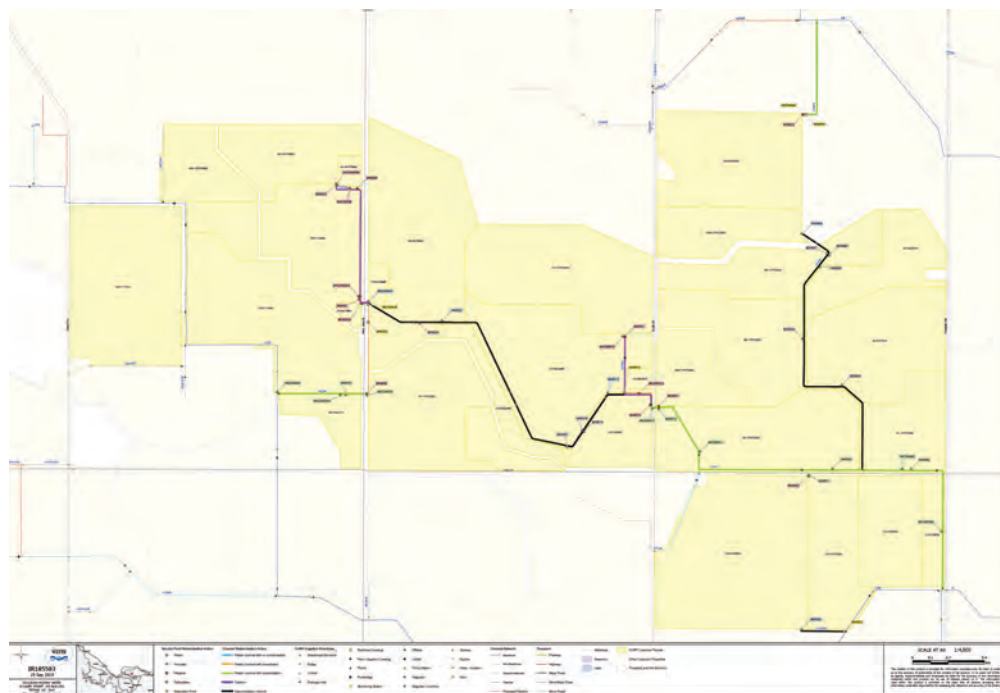
- how we determine the size of service points
- level of service
- operational and maintenance payments
- voluntary dry-off
- co-contribution
- property consolidation.

The rules are used by the project team to guide decisions during design and operation of the network.

MORE INFORMATION

More information is available in our landowner guides.

- Landowner Guide to Operational Rules
- Landowner Engagement Guides



Example of a Reconfiguration Plan

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