

# Southwest Irrigation Development Guidelines

## FACT SHEET

Checklist of possible permits and requirements for new or expanding irrigation developments



***This fact sheet outlines the most common permits and requirements you may need to obtain before you commence your irrigation development.***

Please note: Not all of these requirements will be relevant to you. Southern Rural Water, the Irrigation Development Coordinator at Glenelg Hopkins CMA and the irrigation team at Agriculture Victoria can assist in identifying which permits are relevant to your situation. Likewise, this list may not cover all the requirements for your property. It is your responsibility to ensure that you identify all relevant permits and statutory requirements before commencing your development.

PERMIT / REQUIREMENT	POTENTIAL COST <sup>1</sup>	POTENTIAL TIMEFRAME	LEAD AUTHORITY <sup>2</sup>
<b>Water Extraction and Use Licences</b>			
Works Licences (Section 67) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pump offtake on a waterway</li> <li>• Bore construction</li> <li>• Dam construction</li> </ul>	\$	2-24 months depending on risks and additional requirements	SRW
Take & Use Licence (Section 51)	\$		
<b>Possible additional requirements to support water licence applications</b>			
Irrigation and Drainage Management Plan (IDMP) – <b>Low</b> Risk	\$	1-3 months	CMA / SRW
Irrigation and Drainage Management Plan (IDMP) – <b>Moderate</b> Risk	\$\$	3-6 months	
Irrigation and Drainage Management Plan (IDMP) – <b>High</b> Risk	\$\$\$	6-12 months	
Works Plan (to inform a S. 67 works licence)	\$	1-3 months	SRW
Bore pumping test / yield assessment	\$\$	1-3 months	
Hydrogeological Assessment	\$\$\$	3-6 months	
Effluent and/or nutrient management plan	\$\$	1-3 months	CMA / EPA
Salinity Management Plan	\$	1-3 months	CMA / AV
Topographical Survey and/or Soil survey	\$\$	1-3 months	CMA / AV
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>			
Cultural Heritage Check	-	1 month	SRW
Cultural Heritage Permit	\$	1-3 months	RAP



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Cultural Heritage Management Plan	\$\$\$	6-12 months	
<b>Native Vegetation and Biodiversity</b>			
Local Government Planning Permit (to remove or lop native vegetation)	\$	3-6 months	LG
Cert 5 Arborists Report	\$\$	1-3 months	LG
Native Vegetation Offset	\$\$\$	3-6 months	LG / DEECA
Protected Flora Permit (Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988)	\$\$	3-6 months	DEECA
Wildlife Management Plan (Wildlife Act 1975)	\$\$	6-12 months	DEECA
Environmental Effects Statement (Environmental Effects Act 1978)	\$\$\$	12-24 months	DEECA
Matters of national environmental significance (EPBC Act 1999)	\$\$\$	12-24 months	DOE
<b>Floodplains and Waterways</b>			
Local Government Planning Permit (for earthworks on a floodplain)	\$	3-6 months	LG
Flood study	\$\$\$	3-6 months	LG / CMA
Works on Waterways Permit	\$	1-3 months	CMA
Protected urban water supply catchments requirements ( <i>typically incorporated into the Irrigation and Drainage Management Plan</i> )	-	3-6 months	UWA
Public Land Manager's Consent (for works on Crown Land)	\$	1-3 months	DEECA / PV
<b>Irrigating with Treated Wastewater</b>			
EPA discharge licence (and associated requirements as advised by the EPA)	\$\$\$	6-12 months	EPA
<b>Local government planning permits</b>			
Additional planning requirements will vary depending on site specific settings and local overlays. Contact your local government planning department for further advice.			

<sup>1</sup> Potential cost - \$ = typically less than \$1000, \$\$ = may be \$1000 to \$5000, \$\$\$ = may be in excess of \$5000.

<sup>2</sup> Acronyms – SRW = Southern Rural Water, CMA = Catchment Management Authority, EPA = Environment Protection Authority, RAP = Registered Aboriginal Party, LG = Local Government, DEECA = Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, DOE = Department of Environment (Commonwealth), UWA = Urban Water Authority, PV = Parks Victoria

## FURTHER INFORMATION

An information kit containing related fact sheets is available at [www.ghcma.vic.gov.au](http://www.ghcma.vic.gov.au) and can be discussed further with the Irrigation Development Coordinator.

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