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On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program

The Australian Government is committed to working with irrigators to improve the efficiency and productivity of on-farm irrigation water use and management, and help secure the future of irrigation regions.

As part of the \$5.8 billion *Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program* under *Water for the Future*, the Australian Government is providing \$300 million for the *On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program* (the program). The program aims to assist irrigators in the Lachlan and southern connected system of the Murray-Darling Basin to modernise their on-farm irrigation infrastructure and return water to the environment.

How much funding is available?

Funding will be awarded through three competitive rounds over the four year duration of the program. Up to \$150 million is available for round two of the program, which is open until 31 March 2011.

Who can apply?

Program funding will be provided to organisations that have direct links with irrigators and will act as program delivery partners. To find out more about being a delivery partner, please refer to the program guidelines on the program website.

Who cannot apply?

Individual irrigators, state governments, local government bodies, and organisations which directly supply or install irrigation equipment cannot apply directly for funding.

Individual irrigators are advised to contact an organisation who is an eligible delivery partner if they would like to propose an irrigation infrastructure project on their farm.

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

- Installing new or upgrading existing irrigation infrastructure or technology
- Improving irrigated area layout or design for the purpose of improving on-farm irrigation efficiency
- Ancillary equipment necessary for new or upgraded irrigation systems to function (e.g. computer equipment)
- Capital costs of new/upgraded irrigation equipment as well as the cost of installation.



Sprinkler irrigation (M McAulay & DSEWPaC)

More Information

Delivery partners and irrigators outside the Lachlan and southern connected system of the Murray-Darling Basin, who are interested in applying for funding, are encouraged to seek further information on a program available in their area.

To find out more information on other funding programs available under *Water for the Future* visit www.environment.gov.au/water.

For more information on the *On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program*, including the program guidelines and application form visit www.environment.gov.au/water/policy-programs/srwui/irrigation-efficiency/index.html; or email waterinformation@environment.gov.au; or call 1800 218 478

Alternatively you can write to:

On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program

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Water for the Future is preparing Australia for a future with less water. The 10-year initiative is addressing four key priorities:

- Taking action on climate change
- Using water wisely
- Securing water supplies
- Supporting healthy rivers