



# The Harvey Water "Furphy"

## MINISTER ANNOUNCES START OF UPPER COLLIE SALINITY REDUCTION PROJECT

Harvey Water is delighted to advise irrigators, particularly those in the Collie River Irrigation District (CRID), that project works to reduce the salinity in the Wellington dam are about to start.

The Minister for Water, Hon. Dr Graham Jacobs informed visitors at the opening of the Harvey Pipe Project on 12 June 2009 that Cabinet had approved funding to allow the commencement of Stage 1 of the Collie River Salinity Reduction Project (CRSRP).

As irrigators know, Harvey Water has been working with all stakeholders in the Upper Collie for many years to achieve some justice for irrigators by reducing the salinity in their irrigation water.

It has often been a frustrating process for Harvey Water because the company has neither the authority nor responsibility to cause this essential project to take place in the catchment, although we

have done all we can to urge and assist wherever possible.

So, we are enormously pleased that the CRSRP is underway.

From this point on, Harvey Water understands that construction will probably start in the first quarter of 2010. We are very hopeful that it will be completed in time to allow diversions in winter 2010.

Irrigators should know that in order to help the project get over the line, Harvey Water has offered to do the piping work at our cost.

This is consistent with our intention to act with initiative to try to get the best results we can for all our cooperative members.

This action also demonstrates that Harvey Water irrigators have a real stake in the process and are not just there to talk.

### CRISP

Harvey Water has provided a report to the Commonwealth Government on how we could pipe the CRID.

We are following up to find out what the next steps may be as these have not yet been announced.

**Please contact Geoff Calder at Harvey Water on Tel: 9729 0100 for further information on any of the items above**