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VC161**Protection of declared irrigation districts****Objective**

To plan and manage for sustainable change within irrigation districts declared under Part 6A of the *Water Act 1989*.

Strategies

Identify and plan for the future needs of communities to adapt and adjust to land use change within an irrigation district.

Protect agricultural land serviced by irrigation infrastructure to ensure the future viability of an irrigation district.

Ensure non-agricultural land use does not undermine the integrity of irrigation infrastructure and complements existing and future agricultural production.

Ensure land use change within an irrigation district does not negate the potential opportunities for a rural water corporation to make adjustments to the footprint of an irrigation district that are identified under an approved plan or strategy.

Ensure land use change does not limit the ability of future investment in irrigation infrastructure that achieves the intended benefits of minimising water loss, and improved irrigation service efficiency to the farm gate and overall agricultural production.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Water for Victoria* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2016)
- *Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2011)
- *Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2011)
- *Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2009)
- *Central Region Sustainable Water Strategy* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2006)
- *Victorian Government White Paper, Securing Our Water Future Together – Our Water, Our Future* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2004)