WATER for WARRILL

UNLOCKING 22,000 MEGALITRES TO GROW THE SCENIC RIM

State 2 of the Water for Warrill initiative has identified modest water planning reforms and targeted infrastructure investment that can unlock significant economic growth across the Warrill Valley, without impacting existing users and environmental flows.

The Stage 2 assessment identified a pathway to:

- UNLOCKING UP TO $30 MILLION IN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN NEW ON-FARM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
- DELIVERING A NEW 12,000ML OFF-STREAM STORAGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SEQWATER
- A 15-20% INCREASE IN THE RELIABILITY OF WATER AVAILABLE TO IRRIGATORS.

At the farm scale, this would result in:

- AROUND $250,000 PER YEAR IN ADDITIONAL INCOME PER FARM
- LONG-TERM ENTERPRISE VALUES CAN INCREASE BY $3 MILLION OR MORE.

> *Communities grow where water flows. By turning floodwaters into productive water with smart, low-impact water storage, we can increase our farming region's productivity and protect Ipswich and the Moreton Bay.*
>
> **Richard Gorman**
> Chair, Water for Warrill

FROM INVESTIGATION TO DELIVERY

The Queensland Government has awarded Water for Warrill $3.4 million to develop a detailed business case, including construction-ready designs for new water storages for the community. Water for Warrill will also work closely with the Queensland Government on targeted amendments to the Moreton Water Plan to improve water availability, reliability and productivity for the Warrill Valley.

WHAT IS WATER FOR WARRILL

The Water for Warrill Irrigation Project aims to deliver reliable, secure irrigation to agricultural producers in Scenic Rim, enabling expansion of farm production, greater investment in value-added processing in the region and boosting the local economy.

- DIRECT ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF UP TO $305 MILLION
- $150 MILLION IN NEW AGRICULTURAL REVENUE EACH YEAR
- CREATION OF UP TO 1340 NEW JOBS

This is about taking water we currently lose during flood events and turning it into productivity, jobs and long-term growth for the valley.

Richard Gorman
Chair, Water for Warrill

THE STORY SO FAR

In 2020, with support from Scenic Rim Regional Council, a Water for Warrill Irrigation Project initial feasibility report and demand assessment was conducted. From this foundation, Water for Warrill Ltd was formed, setting out a multi-stage plan to realise the benefits of increased access to water for boosting agricultural production, expanding local job opportunities and supercharging investment in the Scenic Rim.

STAGE 1 — 2022-24

Practical operational improvements were identified within the existing legislative and planning framework to increase access to water in the Scenic Rim in the short term.

STAGE 2 — 2024-26

The first integrated assessment of targeted changes to water planning settings, water-sharing arrangements and supporting infrastructure.

STAGE 3 — 2026-28

A business case and market readiness report for a new 12,000 megalitre off-stream storage will be developed in partnership with Seqwater.

Water for Warrill will support the construction of 8,000ML of grower-funded on-farm storages to enhance production and lift economic output from the region.

Water for Warrill will work with the Queensland Government to deliver policy solutions which improve water availability, reliability and productivity for the Warrill Valley.

STAGE 4 — 2028 AND BEYOND

Following the joint development with Seqwater of the business case, identification of funding pathways and delivery of regulatory approvals in Stage 3, construction of a new 12,000ML off-stream water storage for the Warrill Valley Water Supply Scheme is anticipated from late 2028 onwards.

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