

Talking Law Article – February 2011 Water - On Farm Efficiency Program

The On Farm Efficiency Program was introduced in early 2010 as a result of the Federal Government's \$300 million investment in more efficient farming practises. Since that date, NVIRP has also invested a further \$16.2 million in the project.

The Program is run locally through the Goulburn Broken Catchment Authority in conjunction with various other organisations including NVIRP, DPI and GMW. The aim of the Program is to partially fund farmers to complete water-saving works on their property. In exchange, farmers must then transfer 50% of any water savings to the Government (or in some cases to NVIRP) for environmental flows.

Farmers who were successful in receiving the grant have recently received paperwork for signing. Those Agreements are complex and both legal and taxation advice should be obtained **prior** to signing.

Contact Dawes & Vary today to discuss your Agreements further.

This article is for general information and is not to be taken as specific legal advice. If you require advice on any matters relating to Water, please contact Racheal Alamaras at Dawes and Vary Kyabram on 5851 0200 or Trish Vigliaturo at Tatura on 5824 0300.

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