



Water Minister to tour Mulwala Canal

The Federal Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources will get to see first-hand the strategic importance and national significance of the Mulwala Canal when he tours the iconic infrastructure this week.

Minister David Littleproud will start his journey at the Mulwala Canal Offtake on Thursday morning, before visiting The Drop hydroelectric power station near Berrigan and the recently upgraded Finley Town Supply regulator.

Murray Irrigation CEO Michael Renehan and Chairman Phil Snowden will join Minister Littleproud on part of the tour, along with key technical staff.

Mr Renehan said the successful completion of the company's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) will be a focus of the Minister's visit.

"This is an excellent opportunity to show the Minister the Commonwealth's \$240 million investment in the Mulwala Canal and the role it plays in supplying our customers," he said.

"We will have senior operations managers and engineers on hand to explain the significance of each element of the investment.

"The Mulwala Canal is the backbone of our water delivery system and its recent upgrades provide greater control and will extend the life of this significant piece of infrastructure."

Following the Murray Irrigation tour, Mr Littleproud will make his way to Deniliquin to meet with local irrigation stakeholders where it is expected they will voice their concerns over a number of issues critical to farmers, including the current zero allocation.

The Minister's visit will culminate in a National Party dinner Thursday night.

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