AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Irrigation webinar series

Understanding water supply and demand in the southern Murray-Darling Basin

Representatives from Aither will present their recent analysis, updating estimates of water availability and permanent horticultural irrigation water demands in the southern basin. This information will support irrigators to make informed business decisions and manage future water availability risks under varying climatic conditions.

Wednesday, 29 March from 12 pm – 1 pm

TOPICS

- Projected future demands from permanent horticulture in the connected southern Murray-Darling Basin and the lower Murray.
- How water demand from permanent horticulture compares with water that is likely to be available in the connected southern Murray-Darling Basin and the lower Murray under different seasonal allocation scenarios.
- What this means for water markets.

EXPERT SPEAKERS

Chris Olzak
Founding Director
Aither

Rajiv Venkatraman
Senior Consultant
Aither

Gwendolen DeBoe, Director Water Markets and Grid, at DEECA, will also be available to field questions.

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HOW TO REGISTER

Please register in advance at: https://bit.ly/AgVicWMW13

After registering, be careful to save the confirmation email with important information about joining the webinar, including a passcode.

For more information about the webinar please call Rob O'Connor on 0408 515 652, or for technical issues please call Joe Braden on 0438 823 273.

REPORT FINDINGS

The webinar will focus on the findings of the third iteration of the 'Water supply and demand in the southern Murray-Darling Basin report' produced by Aither, commissioned by Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

The report presents up-to-date projected horticultural demand estimates and different baseline years, to make use of the most recent water data available across states.

The report finds that water availability risks for businesses are increasing. Even with trade opportunity and carryover, under extreme dry conditions, existing horticultural demand in the lower Murray may outstrip water available for irrigation.