

Tas water schemes near

The Tasmanian government announced two major water projects worth \$100 million in the state's Midlands. Work on the schemes will start early next year. They will deliver water to about 350 properties from Perth to Kempton. Premier Lara Giddings said they had the potential to "supercharge the growth of agriculture in the region", and make the region a major food production area. Minister for Primary Industries and Water Bryan Green said local land owners bought the majority of the water in both schemes. Melbourne-based agribusiness investment banker and former Tassal chairman David Williams bought the remaining summer water from each.

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