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## WHO'S WHO OF IRRIGATION

Irrigation in NSW is a large and widespread industry with a significant number of entities involved. The players themselves do not escape the industry-wide love of acronyms. We trust that this list will be of use to understand who the players are.

### **NSWIC - [NSW Irrigators' Council](#)**

The peak body representing irrigation farmers across the state of NSW.

### **AWA – [Australian Water Association](#)**

The peak body representing water professionals in Australia. Independent and not-for-profit, AWA promotes sustainable water management through collaboration, advocacy and professional development.

### **BEGA – [Bega Cheese Limited](#)**

The Bega factory began production in 1900. Bega Cheese has been a dominant brand in the Australian market for over 30 years. Today they process and distribute the highest quality dairy products, to both Australian and international markets.

### **BRFF – [Border Rivers Food and Fibre](#)**

Represents water users from ten different associations in the Macintyre, Dumaresq and Macintyre Brook catchments in both NSW and QLD.

### **CEWH – [Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder](#)**

Responsible for managing the water entitlements that the Commonwealth Government acquires. This water is to be used to protect or restore environmental assets such as wetlands and streams, including those in the Murray-Darling Basin.

### **CIA – [Coleambally Irrigation Area](#)**

An irrigated agricultural site located in Southern NSW. Principal summer crops (November – April) are rice, soybeans, and maize (corn). Wheat, oats and barley are grown over winter (May – October). Pasture for grazing is grown in both seasons.

### **CICL – [Coleambally Irrigation Co-operative Limited](#)**

Is in the natural resources service industry. In partnership with their members, they provide a range of services and tools to enhance farm viability.

### **CIT – Central Irrigation Trust**

Located in Barmera, CIT manages nine irrigation districts pumping from the River Murray through a fully automatic pipeline scheme supplying 1,400 growers, irrigating 13,000 hectares of horticultural crops in the Riverland Region of South Australia.

### **COAG – Council of Australian Governments**

Made up of the Prime Minister, State Premiers, Territory Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association. Chaired by the Prime Minister, COAG provides an overarching framework for issues that require a national approach by all Governments.

### **COTTON AUSTRALIA**

Is the peak body for Australia's cotton growing industry servicing growers in NSW and Queensland. They strive to achieve an environment conducive to efficient and sustainable cotton production.

### **CRCFE – Co-operative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology**

**No longer operating – ceased operations in September 2005**

Was a national research centre specialising in river and wetland ecology. Developed ecological understanding to improve and protect Australia's inland waterways by collaborative research, education, resource management, policy advice and community liaison.

### **CRDC – Cotton Research and Development Corporation**

A partnership between the Australian cotton industry and the people through the Australian Government.

### **DAFF – Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

Role is to develop and implement policies and programs that ensure Australia's agriculture, fisheries, food and forestry industries remain competitive, profitable and sustainable.

### **DECCW – Department of Environment and Climate Change and Water**

NSW Government organisation, responding to the challenges presented by climate change and further progress reforms in the sustainable management of the land and water resources.

**Previously known as:** Department of Environment and Conservation.

### **DSEWPC – Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities**

The Commonwealth Government Department administering water. Their task is to develop and implement national policy, programs and legislation to protect and conserve Australia's environment and heritage and to promote Australian arts and culture

### **DPI – NSW Department of Industry and Investment**

Acts in partnership with industry and other public sector organisations to foster profitable and sustainable development of primary industries in New South Wales.

### **G-MW – Goulburn-Murray Water**

Manages water-related services in a region of 68,000 square km in Victoria. Bordered by the Great Dividing Range and the River Murray, and stretching from Corryong downriver to Nyah.

**GVIA – Gwydir Valley Irrigation Association**

Represents the interests of irrigation entitlement holders in the Gwydir Valley, of North-West NSW.

**HAL – Horticulture Australia Limited**

A national research, development and marketing organisation that works in partnership with the horticulture sector to invest in programs that provide benefit to Australian horticulture industries.

**HSI – High Security Irrigators**

A not for profit industry body representing the interests of high security irrigators and the wine grape, citrus and stone fruit growers of the MIA.

**HWUA – Hunter Valley Water Users Association**

Represents the water users of the regulated sections of the Hunter Valley as well as co-operating with water user's associations on un-regulated streams and ground water systems throughout the Hunter Valley.

**ICID - International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage**

Established in 1950 as a non-profit, non-government international organisation to promote research and development and capacity building for achieving sustainable irrigated agriculture.

**IPART - Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal**

Independent body that oversees regulation of pricing in water and other industries in NSW. Has a number of functions including setting the price of bulk water.

**IAL – Irrigation Australia Limited**

A national body covering the entire value chain of the urban and rural irrigation industry in Australia.

**IRRIGATORS' INC**

**No longer operating – a predecessor to the National Irrigators Council**

A national body representing Irrigators in the Murray Darling Basin. Comprised of State irrigation industry groups from South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales.

**JIL – Jemalong Irrigation Limited**

An unlisted public company controlled by a board of directors. Supplying water from the Lachlan River to 119 shareholders within the district of more than 96 000 hectares of farming land.

**LVW – Lachlan Valley Water**

The peak body representing river and groundwater users in the Lachlan Valley.

**LWA – Land & Water Australia**

The sustainable management and use of Australia's natural resources through investment in research and adoption.

**In May 2009, the Federal Government decided to cease funding Land and Water Australia.**

**MDBA – Murray-Darling Basin Authority**

Responsible for planning the integrated management of water resources of the vast Murray–Darling Basin — Australia's food bowl.

### **MDBC – [Murray-Darling Basin Commission](#)**

No longer operating – replaced by the [MDBA](#).

From 1988 to 2008 the MDBC was the executive arm of the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council and was responsible for managing the River Murray and Menindee Lakes System as well as advising on matters related to the use of water, land and environmental resources of the MDB.

### **MDBA BCC – [Murray-Darling Basin Authority Basin Community Committee](#)**

The Basin Community Committee (BCC) advises the Murray–Darling Basin Authority about the performance of its functions, including in relation to:

- engaging the community in the preparation of each draft Basin Plan
- community matters relating to the Basin water resources
- matters referred to the committee by the authority.

### **MDBMC – [Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council](#)**

Is the policy and decision making body for water resources in the Basin. Made up of Ministers for the Resource Management and the Environment from each of the MDB States (QLD, NSW, VIC, ACT, SA). Functions significantly altered by the Commonwealth Water Act 2007.

### **MGI – [Murrumbidgee Groundwater Inc.](#)**

Represents the interests of groundwater pumpers in the Murrumbidgee Valley. A large agricultural area of approximately 84,000 square km in South Western NSW.

### **MI – [Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited](#)**

An unlisted public company providing water supply, drainage and environmental services to approximately 3200 customers / shareholders in the MIA.

### **MIA – [Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area](#)**

One of the most diverse and productive regions in Australia. First established in 1912 after the commissioning of Burrinjuck Dam and expanded in the 1970's with the construction of Blowering Dam. The region has played a significant role in fostering cultural diversity with over 50 different nationalities now resident in the region.

### **MIL – [Murray Irrigation Limited](#)**

Provides irrigation water to over 2400 farms in southern NSW. There area of operation stretches from Mulwala in the east to Moulamein in the west, taking in nearly 748,000 Ha of farmland north of the Murray River.

### **MMAC – [Mungindi-Menindee Advisory Council Inc.](#)**

A council to advise on the Barwon-Darling River and other controlled rivers from which limited volumes of water may be extracted under licence conditions when flows occur following rain in the catchment.

### **MPI – [Murrumbidgee Private Irrigators Inc.](#)**

Represents the interests of people who extract water from the Murrumbidgee River its tributaries, billabongs and effluent streams for the purpose of irrigation. Member locations range from Canberra to Balranald and from Morundah to Moulamein.

### **MRFF – [Macquarie River Food and Fibre](#)**

Formed in 1996 as the need for a united group of producers was realised. This is the peak group for the Macquarie Valley (representing 600 irrigators) in support of producers, challenging policy and decisions to ensure the continued productivity of the area.

**MVWDAA – [Murray Valley Water Diverters Advisory Association](#)**

An organisation representing the interests of private Murray Valley catchment river pumpers.

**NFF – [National Farmers Federation](#)**

The peak national body representing farmers and, more broadly, agriculture across Australia. It is one of Australia's foremost and respected lobbying and advocacy organisations.

**NIC – [National Irrigators Council](#)**

The peak national body for irrigated agriculture.

**NOW – [NSW Office of Water](#)**

Delivers the NSW Government's policy and reform agenda for the water and energy sectors in the state.

**Previously known as:** **WRC** (Water Resource Commission), **DLWC** (Department of Land and Water Conservation), **DNR** (Department of Natural Resources), **DIPNR** (Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources) and **DWE** Department of Water and Energy.

**NPSI – [National Program for Sustainable Irrigation](#)**

Provides research and innovation to improve the environmental and productive performance of irrigation in Australia.

**NRAC - [Natural Resources Advisory Council](#)**

The primary source of advice to Government on sustainable natural resource management in NSW.

**NRC - [Natural Resources Commission](#)**

Provides independent advice to the NSW Government on setting environmental targets and standards based on the best scientific, economic and social information available.

**NSWFA – [NSW Farmers' Association](#)**

The representative voice of farmers in NSW. A member of the NFF.

**[NAMOI WATER](#)**

Represents entitlement holders throughout the Namoi Catchment.

**NWC – [National Water Commission](#)**

The lead Australian Government agency for driving national water reform under the National Water Initiative (Australia's blueprint for how water will be managed into the future).

**[RIVERINA CITRUS](#)**

Comprises 650 producers from Carrathool, Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera, all working to supply both domestic and export customers with fresh quality citrus.

**RGA – [Ricegrowers Association of Australia](#)**

The collective voice of rice growers' in Australia. The RGA represents over 1700 voluntary members by leading growers on issues affecting the viability of their business and communities.

**RWCWUA – [Richmond Wilson Combined Water Users' Association](#)**

An organisation formed by water users from the catchments of the Richmond and Wilsons Rivers in north eastern NSW. It aims to represent at State level the interests of all rural and industrial users of both surface and ground water in the membership area.

**SAFF – [South Australian Farmers Federation](#)**

The state's principal farmer organisation providing representation and support to farmers to assist in the development of the rural sector.

**SAMI – [South Australian Murray Irrigators](#)**

A representative irrigation body with a membership of 3500.

**SHL – [Snowy Hydro Limited](#)**

A business providing a complex array of financial hedge and insurance products to participants in the electricity and irrigation industries.

**SRI – [Southern Riverina Irrigators](#)**

A not for profit organisation, which represents 1600 irrigation businesses in the Southern Riverina between Berrigan and Swan Hill. The region's water is sourced from the Murray River via the Mulwala Canal and Colligen Creek.

**[Sydney Water](#)**

Provides drinking water, recycled water, wastewater services and some stormwater services to more than four million people in Sydney, Illawarra and the Blue Mountains. Drinking water is sourced from a network of dams managed by the Sydney Catchment Authority, then treated and delivered to customers' homes and businesses by Sydney Water.

**SWC – [State Water](#)**

NSW Government owned agency responsible for the management and operation of 20 dams and more than 280 weirs and regulators in rural NSW and the delivery of bulk water services in regional communities.

**VFF – [Victorian Farmers Federation](#)**

A federation made up of eight commodity groups representing farmers in the chickenmeat, dairy, eggs, flowers, grains, livestock, pigs and horticulture industries. A member of the NFF.

**WCPID – [West Corugan Private Irrigation District](#)**

Serves approximately 300 properties covering an area of some 212,000 Hectares between the Murray river and Billabong Creek. The area is bounded by the towns of Corowa, Daysdale, Oaklands, Jerilderie, Berrigan, Savenake and Rennie.

**WMI – [Western Murray Irrigation Ltd.](#)**

Privatized in 1995 and now an Irrigation Corporation as defined under NSW Water Management Legislation. A nonprofit company covering three irrigation districts, Buronga, Coomealla and Curlwaa.

**WRFA – [Water Research Foundation of Australia](#)**

Established in 1955 for the purpose of initiating, promoting and furthering research into the development and control of Australia's w