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Water Scheme's benefits will flow in south-east Tasmania

- **Prosser Plains Raw Water Scheme will harness the region's heavy rainfalls**
- **A game changer for a regional economy dependent on forestry**
- **Coalition Government invested \$2.3 million toward the project**

A significant infrastructure initiative that will underpin the future of Tasmania's Prosser Plains and East Coast region was launched today in the small town of Buckland in the south-east of the state.

Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government John McVeigh said the Coalition Government was proud to invest in the project under the *Regional Jobs and Investment Package*.

"The Coalition Government is investing over \$2.3 million to construct the Prosser Plains Raw Water Scheme to capture and distribute the region's heavy rainfalls, unlocking capital investment, and boosting aquaculture and agri-business," Dr McVeigh said.

"These works are expected to create up to 40 jobs during construction, and up to 100 ongoing jobs which means more families spending more, investing more and driving more jobs and confidence in the local community."

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Jonathon Duniam said the project will provide additional water capacity and contingency for the region's strategic potable water needs.

"The Prosser Plains Raw Water Scheme project will be a game changer in supporting efforts to reverse the major downturn in one of Tasmania's major economic drivers, the forestry industry," Senator Duniam said

"It will provide additional water capacity and contingency supplies to meet demand generated by the growth we are seeing in the region, like the Solis golf course and Tassal, not to mention that local farmers have already signed on to benefit from the scheme. There will be many more opportunities for residential and commercial developments as a result of this scheme."

Mayor of Glamorgan Spring Council Michael Kent said the Prosser Plains Raw Water Scheme would completely transform the Spring Bay area, facilitating unprecedented growth in residential population, tourism, agriculture and industry.

"In addition to the significant job creation and population growth, the Prosser Plains project will provide surety for town water supplies at Orford and Triabunna," Cr Kent said.

"It will also provide irrigation for local farmland to be developed, help convert former plantation areas to productive farmland, and develop orchards, vineyards, fodder crops and intensive grazing or even dairy farms."

The project is jointly funded with the Coalition Government investing \$2,337,500 and the Glamorgan City Council \$5,456,323.

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