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Irrigation technology ready to cut water use

Australian irrigators and water professionals are being urged to adopt new irrigation efficiency technology that will reduce water use and improve production.

The new technology, developed by the Cooperative Research Centre for Irrigation Futures, includes soil water samplers, smart water meters, drip performance calculators and irrigation scheduling systems.

The tools will help irrigators and farmers to apply water more effectively in a wide range of enterprises.

Ian Atkinson, CEO of the Irrigation Futures CRC, said irrigation efficiency technology will bring significant savings in labour costs and time through remote or automated control of previously manual tasks.

“We’ve been working for several years to develop a suite of irrigation tools. There are many tools ready to be commercialised. Now we’re seeking agents and distributors to bring them to the market,” said Ian.

Water management consultants are invited to join a new professional network aimed at commercialising the technology developed by the Irrigation Futures CRC.

The Professional Irrigation Services Network (PrISN) will offer individuals and organisations



New technology has been developed for automated control.

access to a range of irrigation research, software, calculators, websites and scheduling tools.

Expressions of interest on PrISN should be directed to Susan Davies. Email sue.davies@irrigationfutures.org.au or phone 08 8391 4607 during business hours.



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