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Thousands of hectares of irrigated land upgraded

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Thousands of hectares of land have been upgraded and 18 gigalitres of water saved as a result of Round 1 Farm Water Program projects.

The Farm Water Program is delivered by the Goulburn Broken CMA on behalf of a consortium of Northern Victorian agencies and industry bodies. Round 1 of the program was funded through the Australian Government's On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (\$21 million) and the Victorian Government's Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project (\$16 million).

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) chief executive officer Chris Norman said almost 70 per cent of the 147 projects funded through Round 1 of the program had now been completed.

"As a result of this investment we have seen more than 2600 hectares lasered and pipe and risers installed on 4000-plus hectares," Mr Norman said.

Other works include installation of reuse systems, automation, channel works, fast flow and scheduling. Half the resulting water savings were transferred to either the Victorian or Commonwealth environmental water holder.

All Round 1 projects are due to be completed by March 2013.

The table on the next page indicates the types of projects and works undertaken during Round 1 of the Farm Water Program in each of the water services areas in Northern Victoria (figures as of July 2012).

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Hectares upgraded by Technology/Water Service Area – July 2012 *

	Loddon Valley WSA	Murray Valley WSA	Central Goulburn WSA	Rochester/Campaspe WSA	Shepparton WSA	Torrumbarry WSA	Totals
No. of projects	9	29	44	13	26	26	147
No. of completed/final payment projects	9	23	31	9	19	26	117
No. of projects under way	NA	6	13	4	7	NA	30
Total value funded - \$ million	3.6	6.9	10.1	2.5	3.6	6.9	33.6
Total water savings – gegalitres	2	4.1	5.3	1.5	2.3	3.5	18.7
Lasering - hectares	183	514	941	148	333	542	2,661
Reuse – hectares	55	258	795	112	149	178	1,547
Farm channel & automation - hectares	0	90	0	4	0	166	260
Pipe and riser systems - hectares	884	359	1044	203	15	1592	4,097
Irrigation scheduling – hectares	0	0	134	70	20	0	224
Fast flow systems - hectares	0	523	1177	108	585	39	2,432

*(Hectare figures based on completed/final payment projects only)

