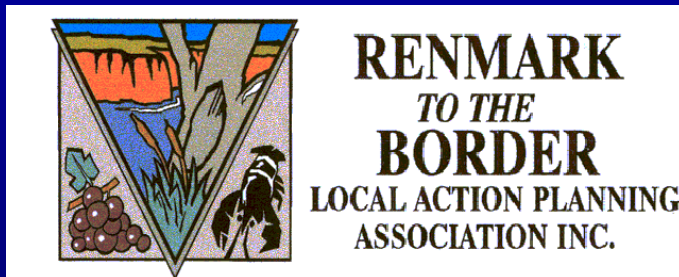


Local Action Planning and Water Use Efficiency

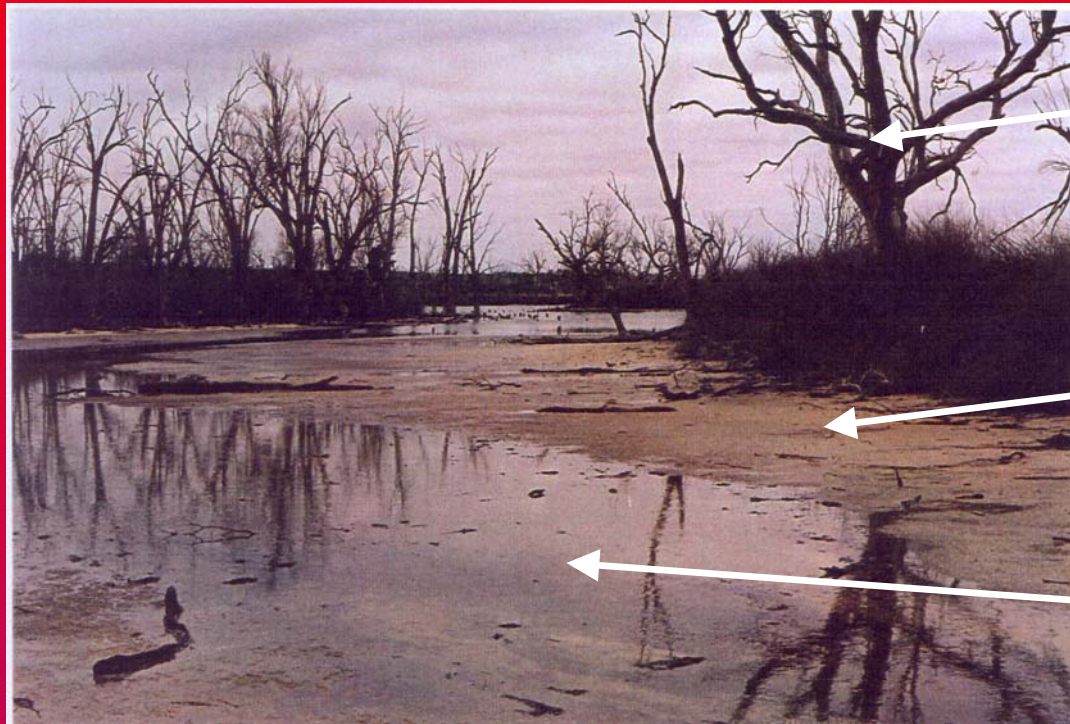
What can we do for you?



Why should we be efficient irrigators?

- All irrigators in the River Murray Zone are required to be 85% Water Use Efficient by the year 2005.
- To ensure the sustainability of the River Murray as a water resource.
- To sustain our irrigation industries in the long term
- To make the best use of limited resources
- If everyone around you is 85% efficient then it means their impact on your productivity is likely to be less.
- It provides a better platform on which to negotiate with upstream States.

Environmental Impacts of inefficient irrigation



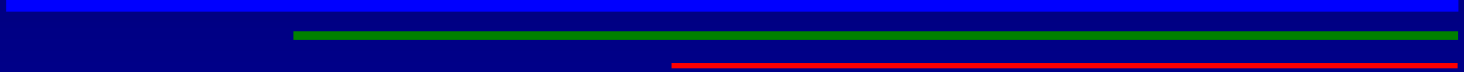
Dying trees

Salt affected land

- Poor water quality
- Increased salinity
- Poor river health

Salt Affected Wetland in the Waikerie Area

Local Action Planning – Community based natural resource management

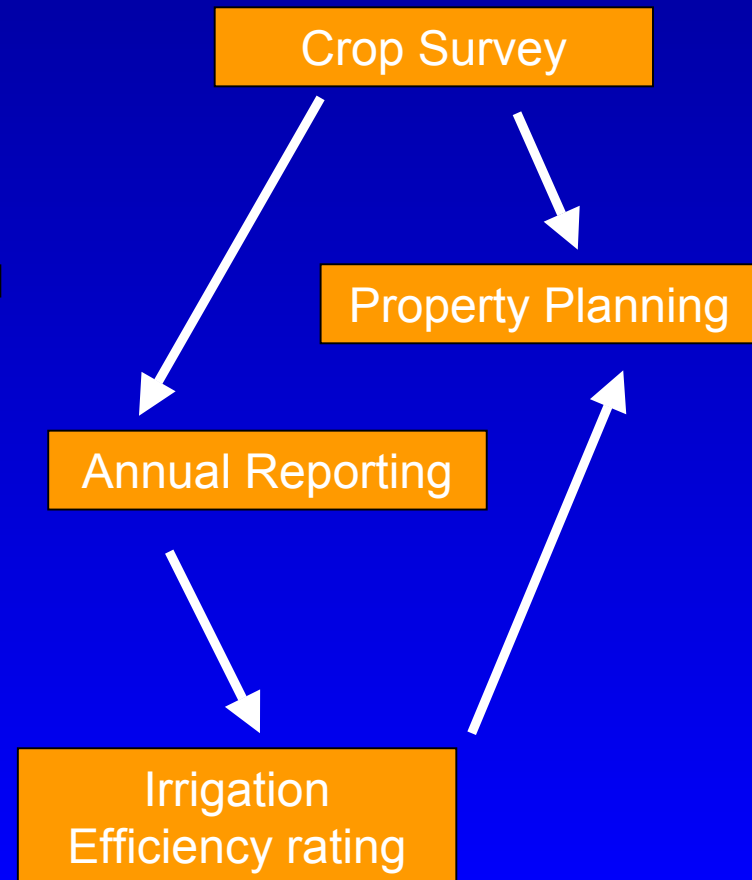


How do we prove we are efficient?

- All private water license holders need to report annually to the Minister for Environment and Conservation as outlined in the Water Allocation Plan
- The first round of annual reports will start July 2003
- Part of this reporting involves the calculation of a Water Use Efficiency (WUE) rating
- To be able to report you must provide accurate information on your crop types, your crop ages, your crop areas and your water use (meter reading)

What are LAP Groups doing to support irrigators?

- LAPs have been conducting crop surveys throughout the Riverland.
- Crop Surveys will provide you with an up to date record of your property and all the information you will need to provide in the annual report.
- These surveys record basic information such as crop types, crop ages and irrigation information.



Why Participate in a LAP Crop Survey?

- Meet the requirements of the WAP
- Identify Inefficiencies which may be costing you \$\$\$
- Get FREE Property Plans
- Get Info' for reporting to industry groups or corporations
- Reduce Future Paperwork
- Enable future planning
- Increase Water Use Efficiency

And.....

■ You get a free property plan with all the information about your property attached - THIS IS SUPPLIED AT NO COST TO THE IRRIGATOR.

