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**Meeting with Minister Malcolm Turnbull**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup> 2007**

## **TALKING POINTS**

To be included when speaking on behalf of TAPG regarding water development

1. TAPG represents whole supply chain for key agricultural industries in Tasmania. These industries represent the higher value adding sectors of agriculture and depend on irrigation for productivity. They also are well placed for growth in the future if water was made available at competitive prices.
2. Water development as highest priority issue for TAPG. TAPG want to work with State and Federal Government to support efficient, effective use of water in Tasmania.
3. TAPG support the DPIW water development policy, as part of SMART farming package. This relates to the objective of increasing water availability for irrigation by an extra 150,000ML
4. TAPG understand that the Tasmanian Government are trying to streamline on farm water development in an attempt to make the application process for dam development simpler and less costly for farmers, however, the amendments to legislation have only just been introduced to parliament, and they may or may not result in the outcome of increasing water storage on farms.
5. TAPG support small, medium and large water development schemes, but understand there are major barriers for investment in new schemes.
6. TAPG understand that major barriers include time and cost when submitting applications, high costs for construction, lack of tax incentives for water development, EPBC and Threatened Species Acts,
7. TAPG takes an active role to promote agricultural development in Tasmania, water is key for agricultural productivity and growth of Tasmania's economy.