## Irrigation



Irrigation of pastures is one way to increase the land's capability to be able to hold more livestock on your property. This encourages feed to grow all year round and potentially reduce the need for supplementary feeding throughout the year.

As with all irrigation, particular consideration needs to be taken with regards to the design for your property. You need to decide what paddocks are being irrigated which includes how much and how often. Understanding your soil type and the pastures you are watering will assist in how the irrigation system is designed.

Should you be using ground water, it is important that you have an understanding of the quality of the water that is available, as some water may have a high salt content that some pastures cannot tolerate. Once you know what pasture species you are using, then you can check on their tolerance levels to salinity.

In addition, if you are looking at installing a bore to use for irrigation, you will need to check with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation as to whether a bore licence is required.

