



## New Connection Policy

1. The downstream isolation valve of all new ALIL POT's will be tagged closed. This includes the isolation valves on the secondary POT's. THESE VALVES MUST NOT BE OPENED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THAN BY AN ALIL STAFF MEMBER, UNTIL THIS TAG HAS BEEN REMOVED AS PER THE FOLLOWING PROCESS.
2. New connections should be flushed for approximately 1 hour prior to the connection of the on farm irrigation machines. Ideally the water should be flushed through the on-farm mainline to a suitable discharge point on farm such as a Nelson Valve joint. If there are no suitable discharge points on farm, contact ALIL staff to recommend a suitable alternative. ALIL staff to oversee this flushing process. ALIL require 48 hours' notice for a staff member to attend.
3. All on farm pumps connected to the mainline must be turned off prior to prestart meeting. This should be discussed when arranging prestart meeting.
4. ALIL require a prestart meeting at the POT to ensure ALIL staff understand the on-farm design. This must take place and be recorded on the checklist sheet (to be developed) before any ALIL water is released into the on farm system.
5. ALIL staff to oversee the first filling of the mainline, remaining on site until line is filled to their satisfaction. It is important that farm operators understand how the mainline should be filled in a safe manner.
6. Once mainline is filled, ALIL staff to remove tag from POT isolation valve.

