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Launceston City has a mean summer temperature range of 75.1 - 51.6 (63.4°F av.) and mean winter range of 54.8 - 37.8 (46.3°F av.), (Tas. Year Book 1972). Temperatures in the more inland areas around Cressy and Conara appear to be similar apart from slightly greater extremes.

(d) Water, Power, etc.

The South Esk River, Macquarie, Lake and Meander Rivers are permanent, as are a number of their tributaries, and use is made of these for irrigation pumping and town water supplies, which appear to be met adequately. The natural drainage is boosted by water from the Great Lake storage on the Central Plain through the Poatina hydro-electric scheme, this in turn being channelled into an irrigation scheme in the Cressy-Longford area.

Little attempt has been made to tap the considerable underground potential which has been shown to exist by widespread Mines Department drilling.

Electricity at 240 volts - 60 cycles is transmitted throughout the whole area with major easements running west of Cressy and Longford to Launceston and one running just south of Conara to the Upper South Esk Valley.

Power costs for the medium sized industrial consumers appear to be at the rate of about 1.4 - 1.75¢ per kilowatt hour with major industrial consumption being open to negotiation. For supply exceeding 100 kilowatts the price can fall to 0.73¢ per kilowatt hour.