



# Community Liaison Group

## MEETING MINUTES – MEETING THREE

<b>Place of Meeting</b>	Nebo Community Hall Supper Room Reynolds Street, Nebo	<b>Date/Time</b>	11.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday, 18 August 2009
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Agenda Item	Action/discussion
Welcome and Introductions	CLG Facilitator welcomed attendees Members introduced themselves and the organisation they represented
Project Update	<p>SunWater Project Manager provided an update and overview of the Project and update on key changes.</p> <p><b>Questions and Comments</b></p> <p>Is 1,200 mm the internal diameter of the pipeline?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,200 mm relates to the nominal size of the pipeline. The internal diameter is generally slightly less than 1,200mm, dependant on the manufacturer.</li> </ul> <p>Is the pipeline above ground?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pipeline will be located underground for the majority of the pipeline alignment.</li> <li>However, the eastern end of the pipeline corridor includes some areas of hard near surface geology and will require that some sections of the pipeline to be above ground.</li> </ul> <p>Will the impacts of sourcing sand for the pipeline be included in the EIS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul> <p>Will graziers be able to tap into the water along the pipeline?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SunWater will be negotiating with individual landowners and will consider requests from landowners about access to water. However, water infrastructure providers are obliged to charge for water at a rate that recovers the cost of the infrastructure installed.</li> </ul> <p>Is a new access road to Marylands included as part of the project due to the proposed inundation of the Connors River – Collaroy Road?</p>

- The existing road access to the south of Marylands through the mountain range is not suitable for the operation of cattle trucks, which currently transport cattle up the valley to the north.
- The road currently used would be inundated by the dam and an alternative access route to the west of Marylands has been considered. DERM Property Services are currently liaising with a number of landholders affected by road access inundation issues.

How many additional properties would be affected by access issues?

- Other than the properties directly affected by full supply of the dam, two additional properties would be significantly impacted by road access issues.
- Access issues are currently being investigated by the Project team and DERM Property Services.

Will Nebo be able to access water from the Project?

- This would depend on a formal expression of interest from the Isaac Regional Council.

How has the variability of rainfall been factored into the historic no failure yield (HNFY)?

- The HNFY is determined from an historical data set for the region.
- The IQQM modelling dataset has been extended the Fitzroy Catchment WRP Model from 1996 up to 2008 for assessment in the EIS. The WRP models are historically based.
- A climate change assessment is being carried out for the EIS (conducted in liaison with DERM) and will model the impact of a 'worst case' climate change scenario and the forecast impact on yield. Climate change is a relatively small component of variability in the model.

Have referrals under the EPBC been looked at?

- SunWater self-nominated and will assess all Matters of National Environmental Significance designated as controlling provisions with the exception of nuclear and Commonwealth actions.

Who will be responsible for ensuring that contractors clean equipment as it goes from property to property (i.e. for weeds)?

- This will be captured as part of the Environmental Management Plans, which form part of the contract between SunWater and the contractor.
- Weed management is a key element of the EMPs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SunWater has been diligent to the weed transmission concerns of landholders since the outset of investigations on this project and this will be carried through to construction if the project is approved.</li> </ul>
EIS Update	<p><b>SunWater’s EIS Co-ordinator provided an overview of the EIS investigations and community consultation.</b></p> <p><b>Questions and comments</b></p> <p>Will terrestrial flora identified as being ‘of concern’, be able to be cleared under the Vegetation Management Act? Are there any vulnerable species under the EPBC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes it can be allowed and SunWater think there is enough offset in the local area</li> <li>▪ Some vine thicket community has been identified near the dam wall.</li> </ul> <p>On previous projects, there have been concerns with contractors in relation to fences, gates, grids, etc. Will the pipeline be open to the public?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The public will not have access to the pipeline easement.</li> <li>▪ Discussions will be held with individual landholders about requirements in relation to fences, gates, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Water quality issues during construction and in operation, will be important issues for downstream users, such as cattle producers.</p> <p>How will the diversion during construction handle big flows and what will this do for downstream areas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The diversion around the construction site for the dam is intended to only handle frequent low to medium sized flow events. In big flood events, this water will overtop the project works. The dam construction methodology will consider and mitigate this risk.</li> <li>▪ There is potential for scouring on the opposite river bank where the water comes back into the river from the diversion channel, and consideration will need to be given to armouring where the water comes back to the river and also one meander further downstream.</li> </ul> <p>Will data be included in the EIS about the variability in yield?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes, the EIS will assess the variability of yield under proposed operating conditions.</li> <li>▪ The TOR requires a “level of service” analysis be undertaken.</li> </ul>
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The next meeting is proposed to be held during the public exhibition of</li> </ul>



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	<p>the EIS later this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A CD copy of the EIS will be sent to CLG Members prior to next CLG session.</li><li>▪ It is proposed to hold the CLG meeting later in the exhibition period to give CLG Members an opportunity to review the EIS and bring questions to the meeting.</li></ul>
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