

**BURDEKIN
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



MINUTES OF MEETING – 25 June 2009

SunWater staff entered the meeting at 3.30pm.

Present:

Attendees	Representation
Dean Sgroi (DS)	Chairperson
Mario Barbagallo (MB)	Committee Member
Greg Barbagallo (GB)	Committee Member
Mauro Garbuio (MG)	Committee Member
Terry Williams (TW)	Committee Member
Russell Jordan (RJ)	Committee Member
Wayne Smith (WS)	BRIA Secretary - Canegrowers
Eric Danzi	Canegrowers – Strategies Manager
Gary Everson (GE)	Regional Manager – SunWater, Ayr

1. Apologies

Nil.

Standing Acronyms:

- BFD – Burdekin Falls Dam
- BHWSS - Burdekin Haughton Water Supply Scheme
- BOM – Bureau of Meteorology
- BRIA Committee - the above listed committee
- IROL – Interim Resource Operating Licence
- DERM – Dept of Environment & Resource Management
- QFF – Queensland Farmers Federation
- ROL – Resource Operating Licence
- ROP – Resource Operating Plan
- SMT – Senior Management Team
- SW – SunWater

2. SunWater Manager's Report

Provided to the committee for review and stored at SunWater on file. Emailed on the 29 June to committee.

3. Business Arising From Manager's Report

NIL



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4. Business arising from previous minutes

NIL

5. General Business

- GE informed the committee that Jason Williams would be SunWater's representative on the LBWF in the absence of Fiona Christie
- GE provided a brief of the Modernisation Plan to the committee and advised that a copy for review would be provided once finalised.
- Discussions held in reference to SW drains and impacts to ground water. Further discussion on channel lining and queries on how these projects are approved or funded. The committee reiterated that irrigators are moving to improve irrigation practices in order to reduce deep drainage, and therefore reduce impacts to groundwater tables, hence it is important that SunWater be actively seeking to reduce seepage losses.
- GE informed the committee that the June shutdown was a success in light of the volume of large projects that had been actioned. The committee commented that it was the best shutdown that had occurred in several years with minimal impacts to irrigators whilst meeting the needs of the works program.
- MB queried the overflow of BFD and noted that if it was overflowing come 1 July that carryover would be cancelled. GE confirmed this was the case and it was likely that BFD would remain in an overflowing state for some time.
- GE briefed the committee on SunWater's Smarter, Lighter, Faster Initiative and that this program was aimed to reduce SW indirect costs over the coming three years.
- The committee made comment that having Richard Papale (Operations Supervisor) attend the IAC meetings was very beneficial as to have access to the supervisors that better understand the operational issues that face irrigators. GE noted this was a better solution than passing information around with SW and would recommend that Richard or equivalent staff member attend the IAC's in the future.

6. Correspondence

Nil to report.

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7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 23 July 2009.

GE left the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Chairperson

Date

SunWater Manager

Date