

**Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project EIS  
Community Liaison Group  
Minutes of meeting**



**Meeting number: 5**  
**Date: Monday 13 September 2010**  
**Time: 9am - 3pm**

Present	<p>Kellie Nilsson – Dawson Catchment Coordinating Committee          Sam Rathbone – Landholder (Pipeline)          Max Henderson (Dalby Regional Council)          Zena – Jimba Action Group          Ian Herbert – Capricornia Conservation Council          Peter French (proxy – Jeanie)          Sam Jerrard          Cr Vaughn Becker – Taroom District Development Association          Doug Adam          Adam Clarke – Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (Upper Dawson Branch)          Kathy Liddle &amp; Mark Liddle – Landholder          Peter MacTaggart – SunWater          Lee Benson - SunWater          Jon Fawcett - SKM          Jason Richard -          Michelle Watson – SKM          Samantha Watt – SKM          Pauline Bourke – Terrace Communications</p>
Apologies	<p>Mrs Jeanie Conachan – Fitzroy          Basin Food and Fibre</p>







<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Terrestrial Flora / Fauna</b>	<p><b>Terrestrial – Flora/Fauna</b></p> <p>Lee Benson (LB) gave a presentation on the field studies undertaken for other flora and fauna.</p> <p>Adam Clarke noted that in his opinion removal of the riparian corridor was critical and that SunWater need to replant the corridor around the high water level.</p> <p>Discussion around 15m/30m corridor for pipeline. PM confirmed that it is a 15m easement but ask for 30m for access during construction. The 30m used in construction would be rehabilitated and re-grassed/revegetated. The 30m construction corridor can be reduced in sensitive areas or if next to a road reserve. Pipeline alignment tries to avoid sensitive vegetation where possible.</p> <p>Zena noted potential soils issues in her area which would cause issues for bedding. PM committed to SunWater pipeline designers talking to Zena offline.</p> <p>LB spoke about Offsets which are required when there is a residual impact. SunWater looks locally first then for fauna specific offset requirements. This takes a long time and ratios are greater than 1:1.</p> <p>Discussion around potential difficulties to obtain offsets when competing with so many other projects.</p> <p>Sam Jerrard questioned if Corroboree Frog was found in field. JR/LB confirmed no but agreed to talk to SJ offline.</p> <p>Discussion around riparian corridor offset/revegetation. Adam Clark noted that in his opinion the riparian corridor is more important than Boggomoss snail. Ian Herbert queried what SunWater does if they can't find sufficient offsets. LB noted that they would focus on reinstating the riparian movement corridor. If the offsets are not available, SunWater will decide whether to go ahead with the project or not and then the CG and Federal Minister decide whether the proposed approach is acceptable and if so, provide conditions to SunWater.</p>
<b>Aquatic Ecology, Water Quality, Hydrology</b>	<p><b>Aquatic Ecology, Water Quality, Hydrology</b></p> <p>Michelle Watson gave an overview of the fieldwork done to assess aquatic ecology and water quality, particularly noting that the Fitzroy River Turtle has not been found upstream of Nathan Gorge and not within the project area. Michelle noted that a fish/turtle passage would be provided on the dam. Also water quality within storage would be monitored and release water quantity and quality managed to meet ecological needs.</p>

