



## MINUTES OF MEETING – 16 April 2009

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Meeting opened at 10.30 a.m. at Murgon RSL.

### Present:

Attendees	Representation
Kev Armstrong	Redgate/Moffatdale to Krebs Bridge
Stuart Nicholson	Redgate/Moffatdale to Krebs Bridge
Chris McInerney	Cherbourg Council
Peter Enkelmann	Krebs Bridge to Silverleaf Weir (inc ponded area)
Michael Stewart	Krebs Bridge to Silverleaf Weir (inc ponded area)
David Kirby	Observer
Col Farrer	All that area below (but not inc) Silverleaf Weir
Danny Green	SunWater

### 1. Apologies

Andrew Mayne, Clare Kapernick, Cr Cheryl Dalton

### 2. Previous Minutes

The minutes for the last meeting 7 October 2008 were confirmed with the addition of representation details for Col Farrer and Clare Kapernick and the inclusion of Secretary as responsibility for Kev Armstrong.

The meeting of 10 March 2009 was an informal meeting to clarify issues for discussion with SunWater.

Public meeting 11 December 2008 was to present annual review.

### 3. Business Arising From Minutes

Danny Green restated that in the matter of continuous sharing, SunWater and NRW have agreed to work together with customers with a view to implementing a continuous sharing arrangement for the Burdekin Haughton Water Supply Scheme. We have therefore ceased promoting CS in other schemes until outstanding technical issues and appropriate arrangements have been worked through with the department. SunWater considers the above to be an important positive step in progressing improved water sharing arrangements as it represents an agreement to work on such issues collaboratively in the future.

Use of water in Joe Sippel Weir during times of CWSA needs review.

Need also to review stream flow events.

### 4. Correspondence

Emails and letters re meeting



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### 5. New Business

#### 5.1 Regional Manager's Report

Stage 2 of CWSA will trigger at 8,000 MLs. Danny outlined the details of factors in latest AA increment. A notice will be sent shortly to all irrigators advising of expected AA next water year dependant on inflows and usage. Danny to review and advise time taken to make the announcement.

Quarterly water usage figures were presented.

An update of current and future works was presented for the information of the meeting.

The suggestion that the minimum operating level for Silverleaf Weir be reduced to increase capture whilst beneficial is a matter for the ROP review. Danny advised that the level may be due to environmental flow requirements.

Danny advised that the department have commenced discussions on the review of the WRP and ROP.

Danny asked that Water Ordering be discussed as although the percentage of manual orders placed has dropped from 50% in February to 23% for March, the **operator** is spending a lot of time handling manual orders. We show 3 known outages only over recent months. He also encouraged irrigators to utilise SunWater Online and reminded customers of the need for advanced ordering and awareness of travel times.

Carry Over will only be offered if storage is >10,000 ML however this is discretionary until levels exceed 20,000 MLs. The permitted volume is the lesser of 20% of MP allocation in previous year or unused AA.

### 6. Next Meeting

To be held 25 June 2009

**Meeting closed at 12.30 pm.**

**BARKER BARAMBAH  
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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**Chairperson**

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**SunWater Regional Manager**

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**Date**

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