

# Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 9 February 2017

**Time:** 11.30pm – 1.30pm

**Location:** Brookstead Pub, 48 – 52 Ware Street, Brookstead

**Attendees:** Lindsay Krieg, IAC Chairman  
 Lyn Brazil, River  
 Gary Cooper, Top End  
 Richard Jubb, Top End  
 Rob Lewis, SunWater  
 Darb McKinlay, SunWater  
 Gordon Delaney, SunWater  
 Kate O’Connell, SunWater  
 Peter Brownhalls, DNRM  
 Renee Wallace, SDRC  
 Peter See, SDRC

**Chairman:** Lindsay Krieg

**Minutes:** Kate O’Connell

Item No.	Agenda Item
1.	Upper Condamine WSS operations report
2.	Leslie Dam storage curve bathymetric survey progress report
3.	Network Service Plan report
4.	Feedback on the monthly newsletter
5.	Leslie Dam storage and system take modelling update
6.	Confirm next IAC meeting date/location/attendees

Item Summary			
Ref No.	Description	Due Date	Status
1.	<p>Leslie Dam currently at 18% – water release for Top End customers for another couple days. Another release in 10-14 days’ time. Delivered 100% of the 53 announced allocation for bottom end customers (approx. 7000 ML) and 5000 ML to the North Branch.</p> <p>Gauging stations upgrade – currently on outlet works and safe observation to shift up the river bank and out at a more workable/access location.</p> <p>Shutdown in 2 weeks and SunWater will work with customers on timing. Customers will receive 8</p>	15 Sept 2017	

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	<p>weeks' notice, which is the legal notice period.</p> <p><b>Question on Notice:</b> How much allocation if we had the old system – old calculation on 18,000 ML – without the 15,000 ML. What would it be with the calculation?</p>		SunWater to provide response to QoN at next meeting.
2.	<p>The tail water gauge measuring releases from Leslie Dam has been found to be inaccurate. A mismatch has been identified between dam level drawdown and tail water.</p> <p>SunWater will undertake further investigations to confirm the source of the error and rectify.</p>	15 Sept 2017	SunWater to provide an update to customers at the next IAC meeting.
3.	<p>Network Service Plan (NSP) report:</p> <p>Sunwater internal labour costs have decreased and external increased</p> <p>Insurance costs significantly increased and the business is working to minimise the impact of cost increases.</p> <p>Overhead costs are under the Queensland Competition Authority targets and have been reduced by increased reliance on local staff management and less from Brisbane head office.</p> <p>A 20 year dam safety review will be undertaken from 2019-23 and Scada replacement at Yarramalong will be a significant body of work.</p>	May 2017	<p>NSP feedback due to Karan Quartermaine by 31 March 2017.</p> <p>Final NSPs will be disseminated in May 2017.</p>
4.	<p>Customer communication:</p> <p>IAC requested more information about proposed shut-downs and communication about available water – more fore warning about and notice.</p> <p>IAC reinforced the need to communicate early and extensively about water releases.</p>	15 Sept 2017	SunWater to look into further communication enhancements.
5.	<p>Storage and system take modelling:</p> <p>Water legislation changes on 6 December 2016 resulted in change to resource operations plan (ROP) – the plan is now spilt into two components</p>	15 Sept 2017	

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	<p>– resource operations licence and Water Plan. SunWater to get new manuals developed for schemes in time for December deadline.</p> <p>DNRM started statement of proposals in July for the review of the Water Plan (previously ROP). Draft plans will be available by end of 2017 and a formal submission will be made by December 2018. All plans have to be accredited under the Murray Darling Basin Plan requirements. DNRM will discuss issues IAC and Sunwater at information sessions.</p> <p><b>Question on notice:</b> Can DNRM consider negotiation of stream flow requirements (currently over 86ML over Talgai) to match water with production needs.</p>		DNRM to take the question on notice and will work with SunWater to come back and have a discussion at the next IAC meeting.
6.	<p>Group secretary role will be transferred from SunWater Communication Advisor Kate O’Connell to SunWater Service Manager Karan Quartermaine.</p> <p>Next meeting Friday 15 September 2017, Leyburn Pub (Royal Hotel).</p>	25 Aug 17	SunWater to provide draft agenda to IAC chair and confirm meeting date/venue.