

Meeting Minutes

Date: 29 May 2017

Time: 10am

Location: Brookstead Hall, Brookstead

Attendees: Lindsay Krieg (Chair), Lyn Brazil, Johannes Roellgen, Rob Lewis (SunWater), Gordon Delaney (SunWater), Karan Quartermaine (SunWater), Darrell McKinlay (SunWater), Jon Davidson (SunWater)

Apologies: Gary Cooper, Richard Jubb, Graham Clapham

Agenda Items		
Item No.	Agenda Item	Action Point
1.	Information re forecast allocation 2017/18	
2.	Draft Network Service Plan Consultation	
3.	Leslie Dam Survey Update	
4.	Current Refurbishment Work/Shutdown	
5.	Other Business	

Open Action Item Summary			
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1	<p>SunWater Forecast with no inflow or minimal inflow into Leslie Dam results in a MPAA of 0% on 1 July 2017.</p> <p>Discussion was held on an Interim Program to be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM). IAC asked that SunWater make application to DNRM for an interim program for an announced allocation for a shorter period of time (e.g. 3 months) for a trial in 2017-18 water year</p> <p>It was also noted that a 0% AA does not mean that streamflow or water harvesting will not be available since streamflow can be taken independently from AA water, subject to streamflow conditions being met (as per the ROP).</p>		
2	<p>The draft Network Service Plan for 2018 was presented to the meeting.</p> <p>SunWater tabled the 2017-18 Annual Network Service Plan for the IAC's review and endorsement.</p> <p>RL opened the discussions with the proposal for the next 2 years.</p>		

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	<p>Key points discussed included-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2016, the State Government decided to extend the 2012-2017 irrigation pricing policies by two years, until 30 June 2019. • There are no confirmed targets other than the QCA forecasts for 2018 and 2019, which were prepared in 2012. • Until the next pricing period, SunWater is proposing a Non-Routine maintenance program based on SunWater’s view of the works necessary to deliver on our commitment to customers. • SunWater will generally continue to operate in accordance within the QCA framework and proposes to bill the actual costs to the scheme. • Before the next pricing period SunWater will likely propose a different mechanism for pricing and will consult with the IAC prior to this. • If at any stage during the year, there is a significant variation to the program (due to unforeseen events), SunWater will inform and consult with the IAC regarding the matter. <p>The proposal does not impact water pricing over the next two years.</p> <p>Discussion was had over the requirement and necessity to perform dam safety and dam asset inspections and safety review which are required for assurance. SunWater explained that the increase in costs in the operating budget were as a result of the Inspector General Emergency Management recommendation pursuant to cyclone Marcia. An Operations Control Centre has been established to manage emergency events. The centre is manned in two shifts (from 6am to 10pm) 7 days per week and a 24 hour basis during an actual emergency. The total costs for the Operations Control Centre has been levied across all schemes.</p> <p><i>Question taken on notice: - How do the major dam safety items impact upon the NSP?</i> Answer: Costs from the Dam Safety Improvement Program (DSIP) in 18-19 with costs of \$467,000 in 2018 and \$4.232M and \$1.025M in FY19 are not reflected in the Upper Condamine Annuity balance and are funded by SunWater.</p> <p>Discussion re the insurance forecast and electricity forecasts made in 2012 did not adequately cater for the pricing of the risk on assets and the risks associated with them. Electricity costs are similarly reflected in the estimates made in 2012 on prices did not cater for the actual energy price increases.</p> <p>For insurance purposes each asset or scheme is risk assessed based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical location including historical events (TC) 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type of asset to be insured (Bulk Water, Irrigation, Commercial Pipeline) Replace value of the asset to be insured. <p>The premium is then calculated using these assessments. KQ asked for endorsement of the NSP which was provided by the IAC.</p>		
3	Leslie Dam Survey – The meeting was informed that this survey should be completed by June 2017. Further to this discussion was had around the issues found with the Tail Water Gauge accuracy which has been addressed and the plan to install an evaporation pan which will enable better loss estimates from the storage to be made.		
4	Current Refurbishment Work – Work began on 29 May for the refurbishment of the pipeline at Yarramalong Pump Station. If everything goes to plan work should be completed in 10 days. An update will be provided in the customer newsletter.		
5	Other Business – Monthly Information Bulletin – The IAC was happy with the current content of the Information Bulletin being sent monthly.		

The meeting closed at 12:00pm

Next Meeting:

Date: To be announced subject to Interim application to the Department.