

Bundaberg IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 18 MAY 2010

Meeting opened by Mark Mammino at 9:10am at the SunWater Office
Bundaberg

Present

Attendees	Representation
Mark Mammino	Chairperson
George Green	Bingera
Gavan McLennan	Burnett River
Ivan Philpott	Childers Fruit & Vegetable Growers
Selwyn Bengston	Gin Gin/Bingera Channel including Abbotsf
Jay Hubert	Gooburrum Channel
Selwyn Cronin	Kolan River
Dale Hollis	Canegrowers
Kelvin Griffin	Woongarra
Neville Wogandt	SunWater – Area Operations Manager
Observers	
Wayne Stanley	Isis Canegrowers
Peter Petersen	Observer – Bundaberg Fruit & Vegetable Growers Cooperative – Small Crops

1. Apologies

Peter Russo, Edwin Tesch Joe Zunker

2. Previous Minutes

Moved: Selwyn Bengston that the minutes of the previous meeting be a true and correct record of that, meeting.

Seconded: Committee, Carried.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

4. Water Storage Position

As per attached Table

5. Update Announced Allocation

An initial evaluation of the proposed announced Allocation for the 2010/2011 water year. The results being 100% for both Medium and High priority allocations.

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6. Groundwater intrusion Issues

There have been ongoing reports of rising groundwater levels in the Gooburrum area. Rising groundwater has been an issue here for some considerable years. SunWater is in discussion with DERM in relation to these issues and will report back to the committee at the next IAC meeting.

7. Standard of Service – Offtakes

Discussion centred around the issues of the number of pipe breaks and the length of time taken to rectify the issues as there seems to be considerable time taken to repair pipe breaks and also a lack of replacement of pipelines where breaks are occurring.

There are a number of issues to be dealt with and investigated in more detail. These include:

1. Pressures within the pipes
2. Off take operations
3. Pressure Reducing Valve locations
4. Pipeline replacement program.

8. Maintenance Closedown

The maintenance closedown was discussed and a few minor alterations were identified for attention. Discussion also centred on the timing of shutdowns. Shutdowns need to be factored around operational constraints both from a farming perspective and equipment availability, consideration must also be given to the end of water year obligations and water availability issues.

9. Acrolein Weed Control – Operations

A presentation outlining the application of Acrolein for treatment of aquatic weeds was discussed, with a better understanding of the process of application and the safety requirements for the handling of Acrolein.

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Meeting closed at 11:45am

Chairperson

Area Operations Manager

Date

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