

**BURDEKIN
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



MINUTES OF MEETING – 28 November 2008

Meeting opened at 2:30pm

Present

| Attendees | Representation |
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| Dean Sgroi | Chairperson |
| Mario Barbagallo | Committee Member |
| Greg Barbagallo | Committee Member |
| Mauro Garbuio | Committee Member |
| Terry Williams | Committee Member |
| Russell Jordan | Committee Member |
| Wayne Smith | BRIA Secretary - CANEGROWERS |
| Gary Everson | Regional Manager – Water Services Ayr |
| Gary Jensen | Manager North – Natural Resources and Water |
| Tanya Cornish | Resource Officer – Natural Resources and Water |
| Eric Danzi | Canegrowers – Senior Manager, Planning |

1. Apologies

Nil

Standing Acronyms:

- BRIA Committee - the above listed committee
- RM - Regional Manager
- BHWSS - Burdekin Houghton Water Supply Scheme
- SW – SunWater
- BFD – Burdekin Falls Dam
- ROP – Resource Operating Plan
- ROL – Resource Operating Licence

2. Previous Minutes

- Weed management issues addressed, including copper sulphate injections to manage algal growth concerns
- Water Ordering System corrected (time and response)
- SunWater is reviewing the water harvesting notification process



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3. Business Arising From Minutes

- NRW staff presented the Burdekin Draft Resource Operating Plan (ROP).
- NRW staff presented ground water datasets.
 - Data presented by NRW included water quality (salinity), change of rise in water tables and depth to ground water.
 - Gary Jensen sort input from the committee on ground water extraction rates.
- RM notified the committee that the Ayr centre has no inflatable bags on weir structures.
 - RM discussed the actions taken locally to review failure modes and maintenance history of Clare Weir, noting it has large stainless steel gates that are hydraulically actuated.
- RM advised the committee that SunWater was rolling out a fencing policy for channel systems, specifically targeting housing/occupied facilities that were adjacent to open water systems.
 - RM informed committee that the fencing installed by SunWater will be erected on the property boundary (as per the fencing act), not on the edge of the channel.
- Committee raised an issue with Acrolein treatment notice letters as these letters refer to SunWater asset descriptions, which can be difficult for customers to decipher.
 - RM made a commitment to have SunWater update these notices to include adjacent road names or well known land marks to assist irrigators in identifying the injection locations.
 - RM informed the committee that SunWater staff may contact them, and other customers seeking such inputs so that the better result can be attained.
 - RM also took note of the structure naming issue and will discuss this with staff to find a more suitable location identification system
- RM presented the managers report for the period
 - R&E works listed several major works including pump replacements and overhaul of BFD hydraulic rams.
 - Brief discussion on the lead times required to procure water meters given high Australian demand
- The committee was keen to see the inputs SunWater was preparing for the Draft ROP submission as some elements were a shared concern.
 - RM to provide a summary of SunWater's inputs to the committee.



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4. Correspondence

Nil

5. SunWater Manager's Report

Provided to the committee for review.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held in the New Year 2009 – date TBA.

Meeting closed at 6.15pm

MINUTES CONFIRMED

Chairperson

SunWater Manager

Date