



MINUTES OF MEETING – 30 October 2008

Meeting opened at 2:30pm

Present

Attendees	Representation
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

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

- SunWater was not in attendance at the June-Sep 08 meetings.

Action Items

- Weed management issues addressed from previous meeting.
- SunWater continued contact with the BRIA committee via Modernisation meetings during the period July-Sep 2008.



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3. Business Arising From Minutes

- Discussion in reference to the release of the Burdekin Draft Resource Operating Plan (ROP).
 - Committee are seeking confirmation of flood harvesting triggers on the Burdekin River. NRW/RM to provide feedback.
 - NRW to present committee with draft ROP at the next meeting (if practicable).
 - Gary Jensen confirmed submissions to the draft ROP are due in to the Department by early January 2009.
- Discussion on Continuous Sharing for the Burdekin
 - As in previous discussions, SunWater reiterated its position of being a system facilitator, not policy setter in relation water sharing models.
 - RM provided information in regard to modelling work being actioned by Corporate Strategy and future field testing in a low/no customer impact zone prior to providing an update to the committee on the impacts of CS in a system such as the Burdekin.
 - RM requested confirmation from the committee that a desire to further investigate Continuous Sharing was valid prior to advancement.
 - The committee provided confirmation of its support for further investigation of CS and for SunWater to submit a draft ROP amendment to allow implementation of CS within the life of this plan.
- Committee raised issues in regard to Modernisation meeting minutes errors/omissions which were noted by RM for correction
- Committee raised an issue with the Water Ordering system as it was confirming orders 1 hour out from the entered time, and had changed the naming on the introduction. The issue became apparent within the last 2 weeks.
 - RM to investigate and respond
- Committee requested access to river flow data (real time) as to circumvent the flood harvesting issue that occurred in July.
 - Committee explained the last event allowed only a very short period of time to harvest which was most likely caused by an error in releasing the harvesting notifications
 - RM noted this issue and recommended looking into BOM water data management as the push is to move all such river flow information to the Federal body, which would include NRW, SunWater and other organisations gauging systems.

4. Correspondence

Nil



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5. SunWater Manager's Report

Provided to the committee for review.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27 November 2008 at 2.30pm.

Meeting closed at 5.00pm

MINUTES CONFIRMED

Chairperson

SunWater Manager

Date