

## MINUTES OF MEETING 19 June 2012

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Meeting held at 9:30am at the SunWater Office St George

### Present

Attendees	Representation
Scott Armstrong	
Bill Bennett	SunWater
Karan Quartermaine	SunWater
Glen Rogan	
Rob Keogh	SunWater
Donna Hodgson	SunWater
Peter Collett	SunWater
David Moon	
Rob Jakins	

### 1. Apologies

Bill Knights

### 2. Previous Minutes

The Minutes to the previous meeting held on the 13th February 2012 were accepted.

### 3. General Business

#### 3.1 THURAGGI WATERCOURSE

Rob Keogh spoke on Thuraggi Channel and advised the irrigators that DERM had replied to SunWater correspondence. DERM had reconfirmed again in a letter dated 1 June 2012 that they have no obligation to repair Thuraggi watercourse for the supply of water to water allocation holders and therefore were not prepared to contribute to rehabilitation work. Copies of the DERM response letters were distributed for review.

Rob spoke to a draft report written by SunWater in relation to the cost of flood repairs and ongoing maintenance of Thuraggi Channel. The estimated cost of repairs have been detailed at \$575,000. The following estimated ongoing maintenance costs were discussed in detail.

Delivery of 900ML/Day - estimated maintenance costs \$63,000 p.a.  
Delivery of 1500ML/Day - estimated maintenance costs \$121,000 p.a.  
Delivery of 2338 ML/Day - estimated maintenance costs \$253,000 p.a.  
(plus costs of up grads to the system to allow this volume of water to pass through the system.)

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Rob spoke of the necessity to charge the channel harvesters in the SunWater system the annual costs to maintain Thuraggi Channel to deliver the 900/ML/day. The irrigators accepted they would be required to bear these ongoing costs.

Rob explained the remaining balance of maintenance to the Thuraggi Channel to pass the 1500ML/day would need to be met from the water harvesters within Thuraggi Channel. The irrigators accepted that this was fair and equitable. The irrigators within the Thuraggi Watercourse will have to enter into an arrangement (contracts) with SunWater for their delivery of water (as SunWater hold a Distribution Operations Licence to provide this service). A meeting will be held at a later date with the irrigators that would be affected by these changes.

**3.2 MOOLABAH WEIR**

Rob Keogh spoke on the current status of Moolabah Weir. Costs to date have been approximately \$230,000. Rob discussed each of the following options considered by SunWater in the report.

1. Embankment with reinforced concrete protections slabs - \$1.6m
2. Steel sheet piling structure - \$3.0m
3. Decommission weir, raise Beardmore – Not recommended
4. Extend repair work for whole structure - \$530,000

Rob specifically discussed option 4 and why this was the preferred option. The irrigators endorsed option 4 repairs for Moolabah Weir as long as it would serve the same functions with no increase in maintenance costs. It was noted that no detailed assessment probability of failure of the shot concrete preferred solution has been undertaken.

An insurance claim is to be lodged for these repairs.

**3.3 PUMP STATION SHUTDOWN**

Karan spoke of the proposed shutdown of the St George Pump Station on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July for one week so that a full investigation could take place on the pumps, valves and inlet pipes. It was asked that SunWater place an advertisement in the local paper notifying townspersons of the shutdown.

**3.4 CHANNEL ONE REFORMATION**

Karan informed the irrigators that a survey would be undertaken of Channel 1 for the reformation of that channel for height purposes so as not to disadvantage any person in the irrigation area.

**St George  
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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**Meeting closed at 11:30am**

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**Chairperson**

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**Area Operations Manager**

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