

## MINUTES OF MEETING – 13 February 2012

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Meeting opened at 9.30am Held at St George SunWater Office.

### Present

Attendees
Scott Armstrong
Bill Bennett (SunWater)
Karan Quartermaine (SunWater)
Hamish McIntyre
Barry Jeppesen (SunWater)
Rob Keogh (SunWater)
Glen Rogan

### 1. Apologies

Bill Knights, Rob Jakins

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes to the previous meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November were accepted with changes. Irrigators demanded a risk analysis of Thurragi Channel to be undertaken.

### 3. General Business

Barry Jeppesen spoke in relation to the current position with Thurragi Channel (as per attached Appendix). SunWater Engineers will be on site in St George next week (19<sup>th</sup> March) to undertake a condition assessment. This report will be available at the end of April and will be tabled at this time to the IAC. It is noted that DERM charge for waterharvesting delivery. Irrigators agreed that they would escalate this to the Minister on their behalf.

Moolabah Weir – Barry Jeppeson spoke on the current position of Moolabah Weir. An option analysis will be undertaken and reported on prior to the end of April. This will be tabled at the next IAC meeting.

Barry Jeppesen spoke on the SWIMS replacement (BILL). He explained when the system will be available.

The meeting spoke on the recent flooding and the effect of the flood water entering Thuraggi Channel.

The meeting spoke on the Modernisation study and the Healthy Headwater Business Case that was undertaken by SunWater and they would like of copy of this to be made available.

Glen Rogan spoke in relation to the spread of Volunteer cotton. SunWater's position is that a joint effort needs to be made by all groups in the St George area. Irrigators asked to set up meeting with interested parties to discuss issue.

Rob Keogh spoke about the planed works on the St George Pump Station as per attached appendixes.

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Barry Jeppesen spoke on the indirect costs incurred by SunWater and the corporate overhead rate of 16%. The remaining overhead costs incurred include – Asset Management, Flood Operations, Customer Service, ROP reporting requirements, Environmental officers.

Glen Rogan raised the issue of Salinity in the St George area. He had recently attended a Landcare meeting where this was raised. More information is to be sought from Landcare in relation to this.

Meeting Closed – 11.45am

Next Meeting – End of April

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**Chairperson**

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**Date**

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**SunWater Manager**

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