



MINUTES OF MEETING – 24 July 2009

Meeting opened at 10.00am

Present:

Attendees	Representation
Steve Hanlon	Committee Member
Johannes Roellgen	Committee Member
Lyn Brazil	Committee Member
Graham Clapham (proxy) for Phil Clapham	Committee Member
Richard Jubb	Committee Member
Peter Bligh	Chairperson
Steve Goudie	SunWater
Graham Hargreaves	SunWater
Darrell McKinlay	SunWater

1. Apologies

- Gary Cooper

2. Current Business

Stream Flow Period

- Issue has arisen as customer has asked to relocate where stream flow period (ex credit water) can be accessed under his water allocation.
- Since the ROP the location of an allocation is no longer the land, it is an entire zone.
- Zone UCS 4 has distinct operational reaches for stream flow period access, so moving the point where the water is taken within the zone is an operational matter.
- Moving where allocation is taken within a zone is not an issue when it is being delivered, but if it is to access opportunity based stream flow period from a different operational reach; this could have impacts on other customers.

Outcome

- Allow for transfers of stream flow period access, but with limitations to prevent movement during flow events.
- If an application is for permanent relocation of the point of take within the zone and between zones (under ROP provisions). Stream flow period access would follow the allocation.
- If an application is for temporary relocation of the point of take within the zone, the application be dealt with but water cannot be taken within a 30 day period of the application. This will prevent moving point during a flow event.
- Management of stream flow access must consider the level of allocation – therefore people will be given access during a flow period commensurate with the allocation (similar provision to North Branch).



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- Monitor the situation and if concerns are showing, these arrangements should be adjusted to ensure fairness within the scheme.

Action Items

- Develop process to allow for temporary relocation of stream flow period between (operational reaches) – Steve Goudie (in connection with Brisbane)
- Develop a trial rostering system to provide stream flow access to allocation holders along the river. – Darrell McKinlay

3. Other Business

Water trading limitations in the Condamine and Balonne ROP

- The ROP limits permitted changes (trades) between the zones, while this may be overcome by long form trading, it is against the principles of the ROP, and it is not reflective of history.
- Seasonal water assignments (temporary transfers) are also limited by the ROP. Again this is not reflective of the history in the area.
- DERM is aware of the restrictions and are considering what course of action can be taken.

Stream flow period rules in upper reaches of the UCWSS

- Committee member discussed the restrictiveness of the 86ML/day passing flow requirements in the upper reaches. The nature of the river in the upper reaches would almost remove opportunity to access flow periods in the upper reaches.

Action Items

SunWater has raised these issues with DERM, and will continue to work with DERM on all of these matters. Future ROP amendments will occur as a routine activity, these issues will likely be dealt with at those opportunities. SunWater are generally awarded the opportunity to input into ROP amendments.

4. Correspondence

Nil

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be determined as required.

Meeting closed at 1.00pm

Upper Condamine
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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Chairperson

SunWater Manager

Date