



Community Liaison Group

MEETING MINUTES – MEETING FOUR

Place of Meeting	Nebo Community Hall Supper Room Reynolds Street, Nebo	Date/Time	11.00am – 1.00pm Thursday, 18 February 2010
Facilitator	Nicole Sommerville	Sinclair Knight Merz	
Attendees:			
Project Team	Sean Fleming Lee Benson Bob Tilbury	Project Manager, SunWater EIS Manager, SunWater Sinclair Knight Merz	
CLG Members	Kate Wilson Roger Chaffey Griff Symonds Janet Symonds	Three Rivers – Fitzroy Basin Association AgForce Landowner Landowner	
Qld Government	Greg Polkinghorne Melissa Nichols	Significant Projects Coordination, Department of Infrastructure and Planning Significant Projects Coordination, Department of Infrastructure and Planning	
Apologies	Cr Geoff Bethel Mark Crawley Tony Whitehead Janet Barrett	Isaac Regional Council Isaac Regional Council Property Owner Capricorn Conservation Council	

Agenda Item	Action/discussion
Welcome and Introductions	CLG Facilitator welcomed attendees.
Project Update	SunWater Project Manager provided an update and overview of the Project. Questions and Comments Are there any issues (i.e. corrosion, induction) for the pipeline close to an electricity transmission line? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunwater are talking to Ergon about the design to minimise potential

	<p>issues. SunWater have historically developed a number of pipelines in close proximity to electricity transmission lines with good design outcomes negotiated with the electricity supply companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will need to ensure adequate separation between the pipeline and the electricity line to ensure safety during construction and operation. <p>Is there room in the easement for the BMA Braeside pipeline without further property acquisition?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SunWater is still discussing this with BMA. SunWater are looking at opportunities to reduce the required easement width of the new pipeline by sharing some common facilities (i.e. the access track). Safety issues are paramount in our consideration of easement widths required and avoiding damage to the existing BMA pipeline (i.e. from construction vehicles, etc). SunWater will aim to maximise the use of the existing BMA pipeline easement to reduce the overall easement width. <p>Is there provision available for landholders along the pipeline to access water?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landholders will likely be able to apply to purchase water under a commercial agreement with SunWater.
SDPWO Act Process	<p>Greg Polkinghorne provided an overview of the EIS process under the SDPWO Act, including process for making submissions on the EIS. Submission on the EIS close on 22 March 2010.</p> <p>Questions and Comments</p> <p>Is anything serious to be put in writing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLG members (and the public) are encouraged to put any comments about the EIS in writing, either using the form available on the Department of Infrastructure and Planning website or a letter. Details on how to make a submission are available on the DIP and SunWater websites also.
EIS Update	<p>Sinclair Knight Merz EIS Manager provided an overview of the EIS findings.</p> <p>Questions and comments</p> <p>Is the inundation area to be cleared?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. Most of the inundation area is already cleared. About 1/3 of the proposed inundation area is currently timbered.

- Commercial timber would be taken and used prior to broad clearing activities.
- Some of the timber will also be retained on site (i.e. snags, mulch, etc) at the edges of the proposed full supply level (FSL) and recreation area.
- Trees within 1.5 m of the FSL will be left in-situ – these will become fauna habitats, etc.

Spread of weeds is a concern for landholders and weeds along the pipeline route would need to be controlled.

- This is a significant issue for construction. Weed management procedures will be included in the environmental management plans.
- SunWater/SKM are well aware of the very real weed concerns for the site and have been undertaking all investigations to date under a weed management plan.

Will vegetation off-sets be taken elsewhere? Is the offset a State or Commonwealth requirement?

- Gaining off-sets is a major mitigation measure proposed in the EIS to mitigate the impact of vegetation clearing associated with the project.
- Existing non-remnant vegetation on the remnant portion of properties acquired (above the FSL) could be used as off-set.
- The off-sets are likely to be a requirement of both the State and Commonwealth.

How will land acquired for the project be managed?

- Some of the land may be used as part of the vegetation off-set solution and the Regulator of the off-set would require SunWater to secure/restore the vegetation type of such land.
- Some land could be used for a grazing land use, with opportunities for neighbouring properties to lease those portions of land not required for off-set purposes.
- Areas used for vegetation off-sets will likely need to be excluded from grazing use.
- SunWater will need to manage any land under its ownership in relation to fire, weeds, etc as any other land owner is required to do.

What area of the pipeline route includes Brigalow?

- There are small patches of Brigalow intersected by the pipeline route, totalling an area of 1.56Ha.
- Often, the Brigalow occurs in the road easement as this is the only

	<p>vegetation that has not been historically cleared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ It is anticipated that refinement of the pipeline route during detailed design will avoid the need to interact with areas of Brigalow. Any Brigalow that is affected will likely be required to be off-set with the same vegetation type. <p>How is the water allocation allocated?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ These details are being finalised in SunWater's business case. It is anticipated that SunWater, as the developer of the project, will sell or lease the water allocations made available. <p>Has there been any interest in relation to a pipeline to Nebo for domestic use?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ This option has been available since the project inception but is not part of the project.■ It is anticipated that the Isaac Regional Council will approach SunWater regarding a supply to Nebo from the Project if and when they assess a need for additional supply. <p>Where will the cement for the dam wall be sourced?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The cement will be imported with batching plants established on-site. Aggregates will likely be sourced from a quarry established on or near the site. <p>What is the life of the pipeline and dam?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ For business case assessment, the typical life of a dam is 100 years and a pipeline is 50 years.■ Dam safety inspections are mandatory for large dams and will be checked continuously through the life of the project. Dams have been shown to operate for longer than 100 years if structurally sound at this time.
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