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## Chinchilla Weir Water Supply Scheme

Scheme Summary
Wednesday 8 November 2023

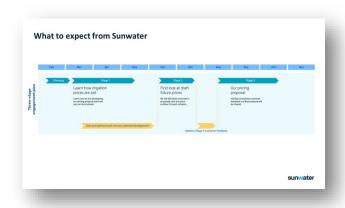
### First Nations Commitment Statement

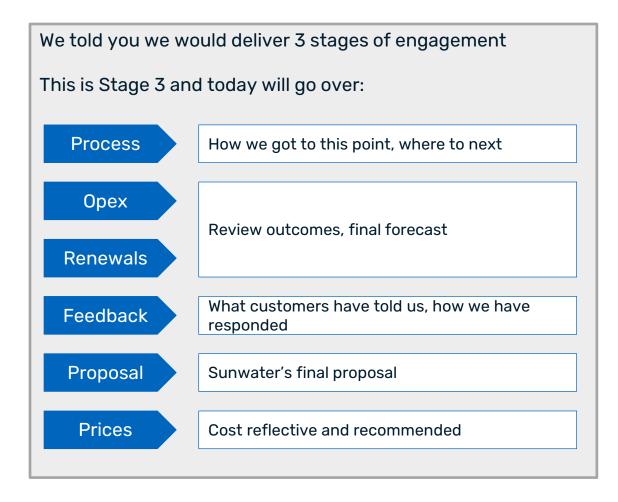
Sunwater acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first peoples of this country and Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and water we rely on. We respect and value their continued sacred connection to Country, including the diverse, rich traditions, languages and customs that are the longest living in the world. We acknowledge their resilience in the face of significant and ongoing historical, cultural and political change within Australia. We recognise and value the importance of truth-telling today, and our role to listen and learn. Our vision for reconciliation is that we are a nation of unity and fairness for all; a nation that owns its history and acknowledges its First Nations peoples, their strength and their living culture.

Our goal is to work together to realise mutual benefits with First Nations peoples through authentic relationships and respect for cultural value; fostering a sense of belonging and pride in our people, community, customers and stakeholders. We can learn so much from Traditional Custodians who have cared for Country for thousands of years in the way we sustainably manage water and land. Going beyond compliance and embedding reconciliation into core business practices and decision making brings to life our purpose of Delivering Water for Prosperity through Valuing People, Working Together and Taking Responsibility.

This commitment has been endorsed by our Board and Executive Leadership team and reflects what our people, communities, and Shareholders expect of us. Aligned with our Code of Conduct, which describes how we work together no matter our role or where we are located, this commitment statement will be enabled through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recognition, engagement and participation strategy.

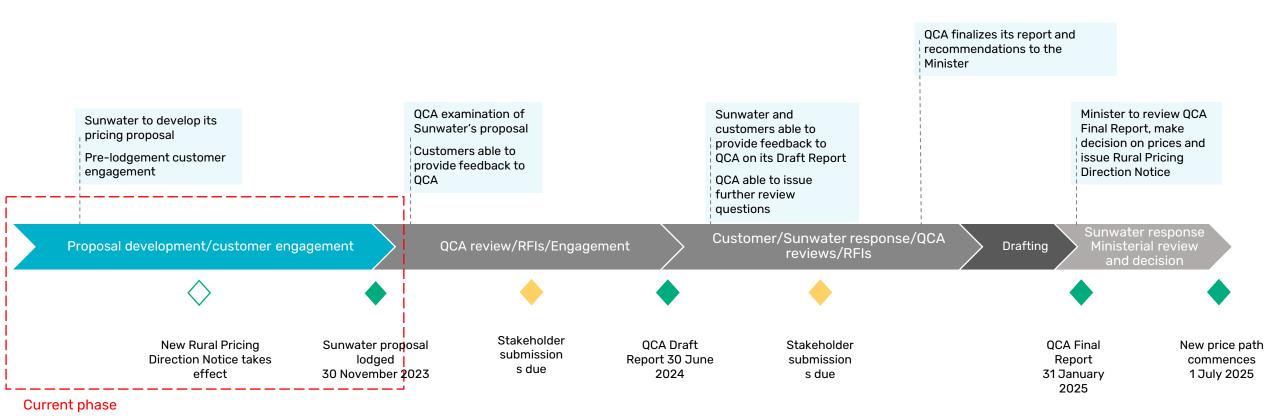
#### Agenda for today





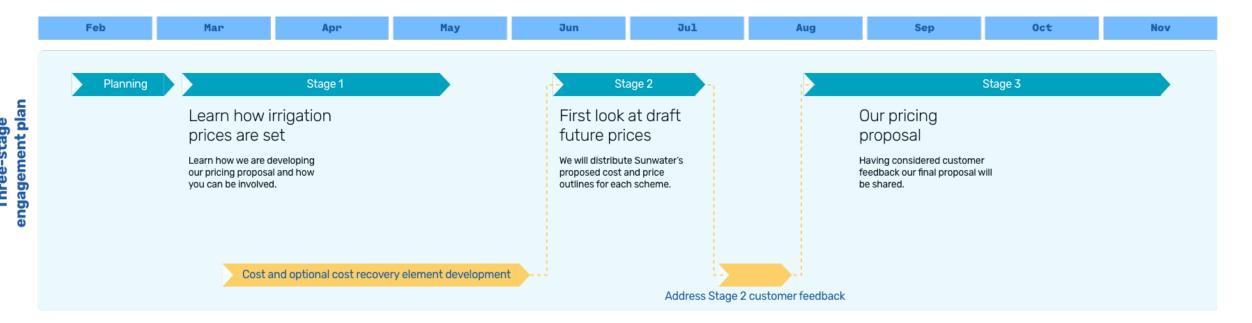


### Recap - Timeline to 1 July 2025





### **Customer engagement**



### **Customer feedback**

# What customers requested: More detailed information on scheme-specific costs including details on renewals expenditure What we did: Our Stage 3 engagement materials include details on scheme-specific opex costs and renewals projects



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Revenue requirement

**Irrigation prices** 

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### Opex base-year and how it changed from Stage 2

#### Derivation of opex base year - from Stage 2 to Stage 3 engagement ('000s)



#### Change

EOFY	+0	-0	+2	-2	-1	-2
Pricing	+0	+0	-5	+2	+0	-3
Total	+0	-0	-3	-0	-1	-5

These numbers take the base year and add

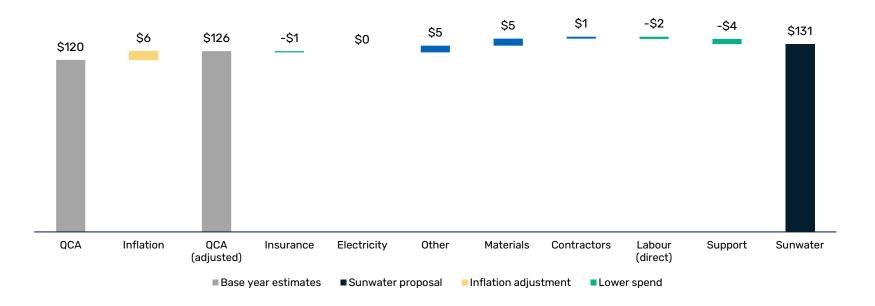
- Billing system renewal opex allowance (\$12k per annum)
- Inflation forecasts

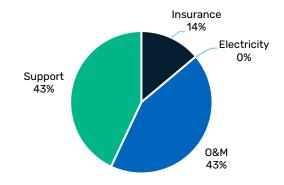
Cost categories	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Insurance	\$24.7	\$25.3	\$25.9	\$26.4
Electricity	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Ops & Maint	\$61.5	\$63.0	\$64.4	\$65.6
Support costs	\$73.7	\$74.7	\$76.4	\$77.9
Opex total	\$159.9	\$163.0	\$166.6	\$169.9



### **Base year comparison with QCA**

#### Drivers of difference by cost category (after inflation effects) (\$'000s)





Base year broken into major spend categories



### Renewals expenditure - Current pricing period

#### Current pricing period expenditure and renewals roll-forward (\$'000s)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Forecast	Forecast
			Current pr			h period	
Opening balance		\$49.8	-\$302.9	-\$415.3	-\$521.7	-\$1,693.1	-\$1,833.5
Expenditure		-\$359.5	-\$276.7	-\$266.6	-\$1,328.8	-\$252.3	-\$98.4
Insurance proceeds							
Annuity Contribution		\$4.7	\$177.5	\$178.4	\$180.1	\$186.0	\$190.1
Interest		\$2.2	-\$13.2	-\$18.2	-\$22.8	-\$74.0	-\$80.2
Closing Balance	\$49.8	-\$302.9	-\$415.3	-\$521.7	-\$1,693.1	-\$1,833.5	-\$1,821.8

Aggregate spend -\$2,582.3

- Sunwater expects to have delivered \$2.58M in renewals activities for the 2019-20 to 2024-25 period.
- 2. The QCA allowance for the same period was \$0.53M.
- 3. Chinchilla Weir is forecast to have a negative annuity closing balance.
- 4. The opening RAB balance for the Chinchilla Weir Water Supply Scheme has been set at \$1.82M.

#### Significant projects (by value) delivered in this period (\$'000s)

Project name	Year	Value
Replace - Remove/Assess 840mm Ga & CHW - Replace 2 x 840mm Gate Valve	2020-22	\$845.7
Dual Purpose Meter Validation and Upgrades Chinchilla	2024-25	\$168.3
Refurbish hydraulic system at Chinchilla Weir	2023-24	\$70.6



### **Renewals expenditure - Forecast**

#### Internal and external prudency and efficiency review

Recommended cost and timing adjustments



**Identified new programs** 

Program	Adjustment to timing (years)	Percentage adjustment to costs
Switchboard and Control Renewal	1	13.8%
Meters	0	-1.3%
Instrumentation	0	-0.6%
Valve Renewal and Replacement	5	-7.3%
Dam-Related Works	0	-2.8%
Safety and Security Assets	0	-22.3%
Pump & Motor	0	-3.8%
Gates	6	-15.2%
SCADA	0	-38.0%
Pipeline Refurbishment / Replacement	15	-7.3%
Channel re-lining and re-shaping	0	2.0%
Civil and Roads (inlet / outlet towers)	1	-2.3%
Mechanical / Minor Works	0	0
Individual Projects	2	-6.1%



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Most significant additions for your scheme shown on next slide



Program	Scope	Range	Recommended
Dam Instrumentation	<ul> <li>Inconsistencies / gaps in monitoring and management of safety instrumentation across dam sites</li> <li>A risk-based approach for the management and monitoring of instrumentation to provide early warning of the development of trends and behaviours</li> <li>Program of works covering the FY21 to FY28 period</li> </ul>	Low = \$8M High = \$35M	\$18M covering project definition, business case development for recommended site improvements, and construction activities associated with 10 most critical sites
Arc Flash	<ul> <li>Staff entering and operating facilities with switchboards are exposed to arcflash risks</li> <li>Possibility to cause serious long-term harm or death</li> <li>Review of all relevant Sunwater sites – identified 109 sites for investment to mitigate risk</li> </ul>	Low = \$4.3M High = \$50.5M	<b>\$11M</b> covering triage and installation of upstream protection devices and Arc Flash detection relays
Smart Meters	<ul> <li>Improved ability to manage water, compliance and safety risks via deployment of smart meters</li> </ul>	Low = \$2.1M High = \$8.4M	<b>\$4.2M</b> applying meters to gauging stations and 80% of volume in priority schemes
Dam Safety Management	<ul> <li>Risk management planning and ALARP activities require a range of activities including investigative studies – compliance driven</li> </ul>	Low = \$0M High = \$18.4M	<b>\$8.3M</b> covering required studies for priority dams considered to have a low likelihood of capital intervention



#### Renewals expenditure - Forecast (four years RAB-aligned)

Category	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Aggregate	Percentage
17. Arc Flash Program	\$218.2	\$135.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$353.3	41%
15. Minor Works	\$0.0	\$25.5	\$0.0	\$43.4	\$69.0	8%
5. Dam-Related Works Program	\$4.7	\$0.0	\$59.6	\$0.0	\$64.3	7%
2. Meter Renewal Program	\$14.6	\$15.1	\$15.9	\$17.1	\$62.8	7%
6. Safety and Security Assets Renewal Program	\$0.0	\$9.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$9.9	1%
Remaining programs	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$7.4	\$0.0	\$7.4	1%
Sub-total - programs	\$237.5	\$185.7	\$82.9	\$60.6	\$566.7	66%
Projects not captured in programs	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$293.1	\$293.1	34%
Total	\$237.5	\$185.7	\$82.9	\$353.6	\$859.7	100%
Capex	\$232.8	\$150.2	\$15.9	\$17.1	\$416.1	48%
Renewals opex	\$4.7	\$35.4	\$67.0	\$336.5	\$443.6	52%

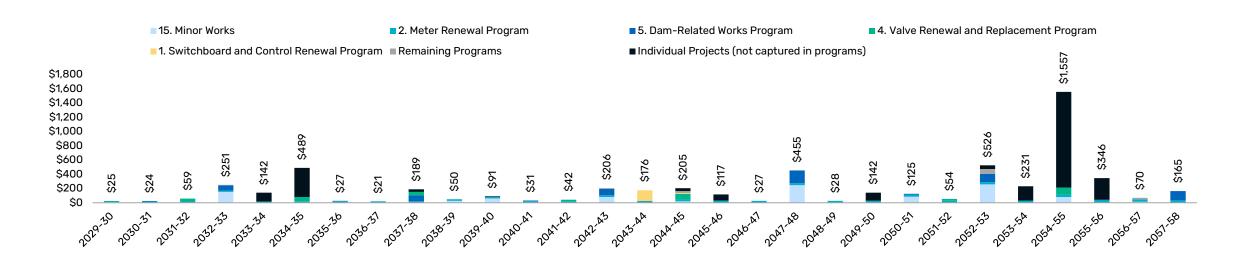
Our review process has lifted the 4year forecast

\$0.6M to \$0.9M





#### Renewals expenditure - Forecast (rest of the annuity period - out to 2057-58)

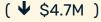


Project name	Commencement Year	Value	Percentage total
Replace Upstream Protection Works - Chinchilla Weir 697.0Km - Abutments	2055	\$923	16%
Replace Meter Outlet - Meter Outlets - Chinchilla	2025	\$731	13%
Study: Dam Safety Inspection - Chinchilla Weir 697.0Km	2028	\$589	10%
Refurbish Structure - Chinchilla Weir 697.0Km - Abutments	2035	\$418	7%
Refurbishment to maintain the 1372 mm conduit MSCL - Chinchilla Weir	2029	\$408	7%
Other	Varies	\$2,759	47%
Total		\$5,828	100%

Projects shown in this table may include multiple instances of a planned corrective maintenance activity due to occur at intervals throughout the 2029-30 to 2057-58 period

Our review process has lowered the aggregate forecast for the 2029-30 to 2057-58 period

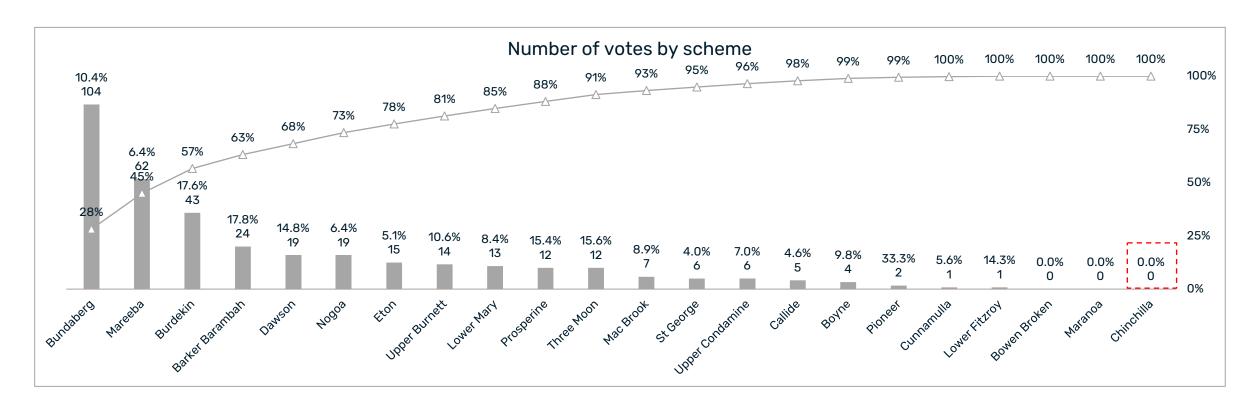
\$10.6M to \$5.9M





#### What customers told us - feedback process

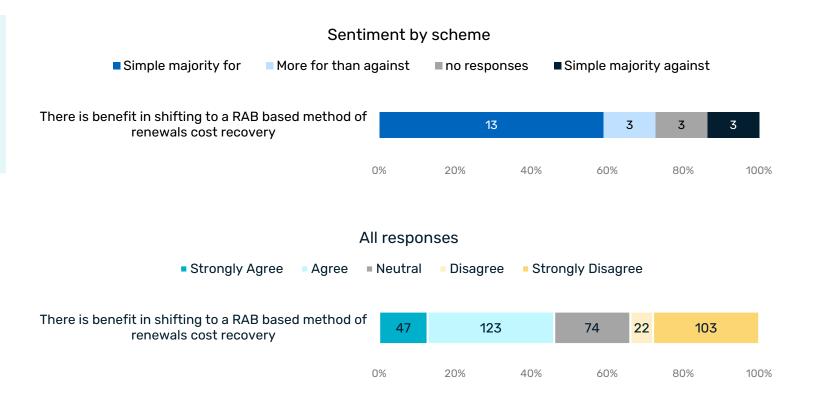
• 0 per cent scheme response rate





#### What customers told us - RAB Proposal

- Put forward as a change to all water supply schemes
- Sunwater has included a shift to a RAB as part of its submission
- GoVote results show broad customer support

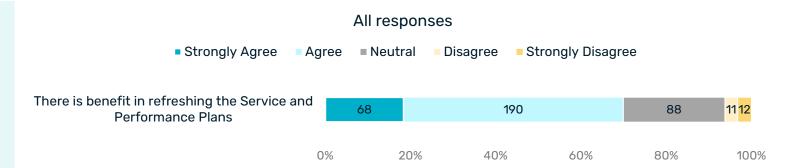




### What customers told us - Other proposals

#### **Service and Performance Plans (S&PPs)**

- Clear customer support for a refresh of the S&PPs
- Working on publishing 2022-23 actuals in December 2023
- Sunwater welcomes feedback on the content of the refreshed S&PPs





### Sunwater's proposal for Chinchilla Weir

Total 4-year scheme-level revenue requirement of \$1.66M

Prices that reflect a RAB methodology

**Refreshed S&PPs** 

#### Forecast revenue requirement (inclusive of revenue adjustments) (\$'000s)

Numbers may not add due to rounding

Building block	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Aggregate	Percentage		
Price path related expendit	Price path related expenditure							
Opex	\$159.9	\$163.0	\$166.6	\$169.9	\$659.4	39.9%		
Renewals opex	\$4.7	\$35.4	\$67.0	\$336.5	\$443.6	26.8%		
Capital returns	\$106.7	\$136.2	\$147.7	\$151.2	\$541.8	32.8%		
Tax allowance	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	0.0%		
Sub-total	\$271.3	\$334.6	\$381.3	\$657.6	\$1,644.8	99.4%		
Revenue adjustments								
Revenue offsets	-\$2.5	-\$2.6	-\$2.6	-\$2.7	-\$10.4	-0.6%		
Insurance review	\$3.3	\$3.4	\$3.5	\$3.5	\$13.6	0.8%		
QCA fee <sup>1</sup>	\$1.4	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.6	\$6.0	0.4%		
Sub-total	\$2.2	\$2.3	\$2.3	\$2.4	\$9.2	0.6%		
Total	\$273.5	\$336.9	\$383.6	\$660.0	\$1,654.0	100.0%		

Note 1: The QCA fee is apportioned to each scheme on the basis of irrigation entitlements.

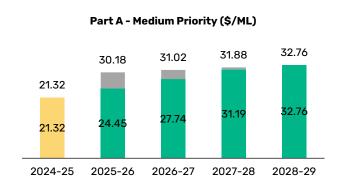


#### **Prices**



**P0 Change** 10.7%

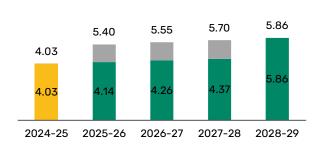
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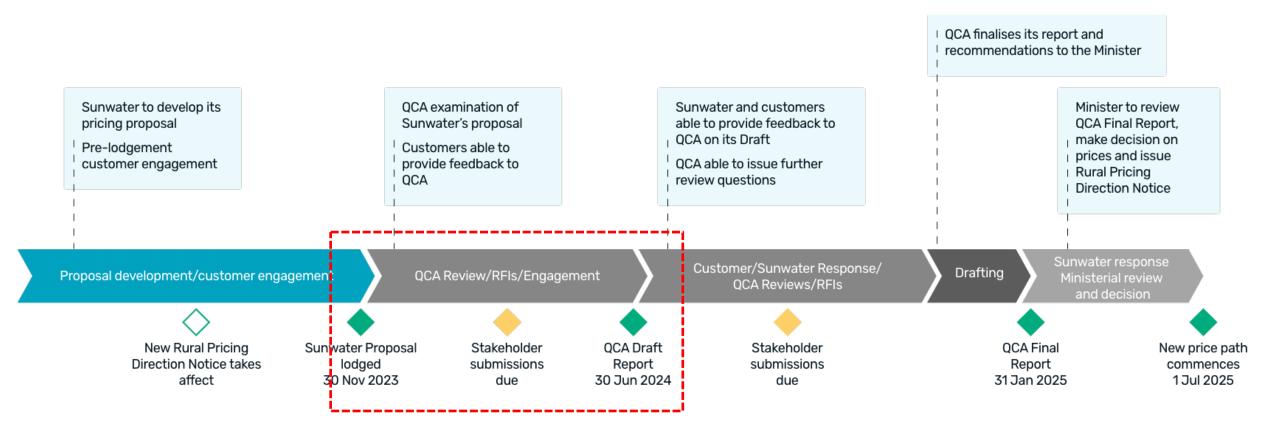
P0 Change -3.3%

Part B (\$/ML)





#### Recap and next steps



You will also have the opportunity to provide comment / feedback to QCA



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