

This is a high-level summary of the meeting for PDRG members to share with their networks. It provides a summary of agenda items, discussion points, and meeting actions.

| Agenda Item | Discussion Points |
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| Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country, Introductions | Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country provided by the Chair. The Chair noted the departure of Wakka Wakka Representatives from the PDRG as they are regularly meeting with Sunwater in other forums. The Chair acknowledged the contributions made by Wakka Wakka representatives during their time as members. |
| Acceptance of previous minutes and member check-in | Previous minutes were accepted by members. Members shared their current thoughts on the project. Key themes included concerns the project would not receive State and Federal Government funding and would not be prioritised. Members felt the announced project value of \$4.4B was a significant amount of money and noted there are many other projects competing for funding. Some members suggested the reason there is no funding currently is because the project is not ready to be built yet. Members agreed having visibility of the project timeline is important for growers' investment decisions and planning and sharing updates directly to growers in other forums could be of value. Other themes related to fish passage and management of environmental impacts. |
| Paradise Dam Improvement Project (PDIP) Update | Sunwater shared an update on the project status and current activities including the three roadworks packages underway, with package 1 reaching completion, progression of the geotechnical program, and quarry investigations, concrete mix trial program and preliminary design including design optimisation. Sunwater played an animation of the proposed construction sequence for the project which highlighted how the dam would be built. The animation's key elements included concrete batching plants, coffer dams, roller-compacted concrete placement, outlet works, galleries and spillways. Sunwater also pointed out the release location from the existing outlet building for customer supply demand during construction. The animation is a draft and will be further refined before being made available for members to share with their networks. |
| Approvals update | Representatives of the Office of the Coordinator-General (OCG) shared an overview of the role of the Coordinator-General and highlighted the ability of the Coordinator-General to exercise its powers to help progress projects. The OCG supports project facilitation and assessment, coordination of programs or projects, and delivery of capital works. While no decisions have yet been made regarding Paradise Dam Improvement Project (the Coordinator-General or a Minister will be responsible for making any decisions) the OCG is looking at how it is able to progress approvals for the project. The OCG is involved to help the process and will continue working with the Sunwater team to navigate the project and its complexities. Sunwater remains the proponent for the project and does not pass its responsibilities to the OCG. |
| Social programs and legacies | Sunwater spoke to the consultation process that has been undertaken with the group regarding the potential social programs and legacies PDIP could deliver. The team spoke to the short-listed items, highlighting initiatives the project could deliver, initiatives which were unviable and initiatives requiring further investigation for decision, including recreation opportunities during construction, road upgrades and accommodation. The next step is to decide a final list of legacy initiatives, noting these need to be budgeted and finalised for inclusion in the project. |
| Other business | No other business |

Timeline for recent & upcoming PDIP activities:

| Upcoming activity targets | Timing |
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| Further geotechnical investigations | Underway |
| Paradise Dam Road upgrades | Package 1 reaching completion |
| Design for new dam wall | Preliminary design progressing |
| Detailed business case for new dam wall | Expected to be completed end 2025 |
| Quarry investigations | Program progressing |

Actions noted at this meeting and pending from the previous meeting

| New actions | | | |
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| Action | | Responsibility | Status |
| Action 1: April 25 | Sunwater to confirm whether lease water is being made available by Sunwater or another entity in the region | Sunwater | Open |
| Action 2: April 25 | Final list of social programs and legacies to be shared with PDRG | Sunwater | Open |
| Existing actions | | | |
| Action | | Responsibility | Action |
| Nov 24 | Sunwater to share results of the customer survey when available | Sunwater | Open |
| August 24 | Sunwater to advise NBRC of confirmed dates for community engagement activities in Biggenden | Sunwater | Closed |
| August 24 | Add temporary transfers as item for discussion a future PDRG meeting | Sunwater | Open |
| February 24 | Sunwater to take on board engagement opportunity feedback – including a replica model in the community; short phase videos; hosting a public hall meeting in Biggenden to share a project update and how it will impact community | Sunwater | Pending |
| February 24 | Future presentations to include information on local traineeships and apprenticeships | Sunwater | Open |
| June 23 | Sunwater to arrange for the selected construction partner to share information about strategies around local training and apprenticeships | Sunwater | Pending |
| June 23 | Sunwater to share photos and videos of the 2D and 3D models as they are developed. | Sunwater | Underway |
| Jul 22 | Discuss public viewing opportunities and options to enable transparency during site works with the PDRG prior to works commencing on site | Sunwater | Closed |
| Nov22 | Sunwater to consider recreation legacy options in consultation with NBRC as the project progresses | Sunwater | Pending |