

Barker Barambah Customer Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday 5 June 2025

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: Bjelke-Petersen Dam office (Haager Drive, Moffatdale, QLD)

Attendees:

Representing customers: Damien Sippel, Stuart Nicholson, Jacob Berghofer

Sunwater representatives: Darren Large – General Manager BLM; Shannon Lancaster – Operations Manager BLM; Gary Goschnick – Senior Storage Operator; Sarah O’Grady – Stakeholder Relations Advisor; Erica Maslen – Customer Engagement Administrator

Department representatives: Christine Schmalfuss, Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV); Annette Philippa, DLGWV

Apologies: Claire Kapernick

Minutes:

Agenda items		
Item no.	Item	Presenter
1	Meeting open and previous actions	Darren Large
2	Burnett Basin Water Plan review	Christine Schmalfuss, DLGWV
3	Project updates: • Upper Redgate Options Study • Barlil Weir	Darren Large
4	Operations update	Darren Large
5	General business	All
6	Meeting close	

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1. Meeting open and previous actions

- Agenda discussed and confirmed.

2. Burnett Basin Water Plan review

- DLGWV representative presented on the Burnett Basin Water Plan review.
- Member asked if the additional allocations (as opposed to improved water security) for Barlil Weir project will be included in the Water Plan consultation process.
- DLGWV representative confirmed that there's unallocated water available for Barlil Weir and Darren will touch on that project next.

3. Project updates:

- Sunwater presented an update on the Upper Redgate Options Study.
 - Member asked if there would be the opportunity to have a look and if there will be consultation.
 - Sunwater confirmed this is just the first initial review of some of the options there.
- Sunwater presented an update on the Barlil Weir project.
 - Member asked about how the project will be funded and if water from the weir will be costed using the annuity or the RAB approach?
 - The capital cost to build the weir is subject to an investment decision by state government. Development of the weir design will enable cost estimates to be developed over time and put to government. There will be on-going operational costs as there'll be a new asset in the scheme however at the moment, Sunwater doesn't have a full understanding of what they are. Once Sunwater has more information about the operational costs of the project, we will be in a position to understand and communicate any expected impact on water pricing in the scheme.
 - The QCA price path process is still being finalised.

4. Operations update

- Sunwater provided an operations update and information about forecast allocations for the scheme.
- Member requested that Sunwater provide an update on the upgrade of the Bjelke-Petersen Dam recreational park area.
- Sunwater explained the first tranche of work is the upgrade of the toilet block and dated picnic shelters in the day use area to bring it up to modern standards. There'll be future works in the car park area to make it more accessible including installing new, accessible picnic table and BBQ facilities.

5. General business

- Sunwater suggested meeting again in approximately three months.
- Member requested that meetings don't take place on Tuesdays as Claire can't make it on a Tuesday.

6. Meeting close

7. Actions

Action Item	Action Owner

8. Approval and review

Chair:	Darren Large
Minutes:	Sarah O’Grady
Date:	22 October 2025