



### **Agenda Item 1**

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Darren Large introduced SunWater staff who were attending the meeting.

### **Agenda Item 2**

Link Davies and Faye Whelan were noted as apologies.

### **Agenda Item 3**

Darren Large provided an update to the committee around progression of water pricing discussions. Advice was provided from the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) that the decision notice which forms an integral part of the process has been subject to delays outside SunWater control and we would not receive this document until mid-May, so these discussions were postponed until 14<sup>th</sup> June 18.

The Irrigator Advisory Committee (IAC) reiterated concerns that the last water pricing meeting which was held in conjunction with Upper Burnet Water Supply Scheme didn't allow Boyne Water Supply Scheme issues to be addressed adequately. This issue was raised at the close of the previous meeting from Darren Large to Lisa Welsh (SunWater's Pricing Manager) with a suggestion of two separate meetings planned for the two schemes, this has been adopted when planning the next round of consultation.

### **Agenda Item 4**

Gordon Delaney provided a summary of the preliminary hydrologic modelling which looked at various scenarios for raising Boondooma Dam. At a 12m raising the median monthly reliability for medium priority water allocations reaches 90.1% (with no additional yield being created). Discussion followed and it was noted that these results suggest that raising the dam is not economically viable if the cost was to be borne by water charges. The modelling summary will be made available to the IAC.

### **Agenda item 5**

Gordon Delaney updated the IAC on the water supply outlook. Boondooma Dam is predicted to reach the MP cutoff level around late August 2018. Due to the low dam level, the predicted 1 July MP announced allocation is 15-20% for one month. The IAC confirmed that they preferred to get the maximum Announced Allocation possible, even if it is only for one month.

### **Agenda Item 6**

- New Gauging Station progress: Darren Large provided an update on the new site, instrumentation was ordered and received, landholder issues addressed and agreed, Purchase Order drafted for installation of equipment in late May-June;
- Camera install, Darren Large provided an overview of a proposed Camera install along the Boyne River to aid in managing and monitoring water delivery along the river. The IAC was supportive of this approach and discussions were held to determine key observations points;
- Quarterly Newsletter: Darren Large distributed a draft quarterly newsletter for comment to IAC. The group indicated this newsletter provides a succinct snap shot of activity in the scheme and should be circulated to customers;
- Customer meeting: the IAC indicated the need to hold an open meeting (shed meeting) with Boyne River customers to ensure they remained informed of pending water supply cut-off when Boondooma Dam reaches 70,000ML;

- Water Ordering: Darren Large sought feedback in relation to how the water ordering has been working throughout the scheme from IAC and also SunWater Storage Supervisor. The general feel was that in most cases water was being ordered and delivered. However, the group did mention that some irrigators need a reminder from time to time to place water orders. It was also noted that some difficulty exists when a customer orders a volume for a week, but plans to take the water in a shorter period e.g. by using a bigger pump. It was resolved that the monthly SMS reminder from SunWater is to be reinstated, and a discussion around placing orders and timeframes for river runs to be discussed at open meeting with customers;

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#### General Business

- Having noted the modelling results on a raising of Boondooma Dam (agenda item 4) the IAC requested that SunWater assist with some analysis of a potential Cooranga Weir. A graph of Cooranga flow versus releases from Boondooma Dam was requested. The IAC also requested a quotation on what IQQM modelling SunWater can undertake regarding a potential Cooranga Weir.