

## Burdekin Falls Dam Community Reference Group Meeting 8: Monday 12 December 2022

Meeting summary

Date: Monday 12 December 2022

Time: 2:30 – 3:30pm Location: Online via Teams

## Meeting Objectives:

• Debrief with the CRG on the project announcement and clarify next steps

Document questions and feedback CRG members have received from constituents

## Agenda:

Item No.	Agenda item
1	Meeting opening including Acknowledge of Country
	Introduction and agenda overview.
2	Announcement summary
	The Sunwater team provided an overview of the announcement. Key discussion points summarised below:
	<ul> <li>The Queensland Government has announced its support for Sunwater to progress an environmental impact statement (EIS) based on a proposed two-metre raising of Burdekin Falls Dam, following initial consideration of Sunwater's detailed business case (DBC).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>An EIS is required and Sunwater has begun its preparation.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Upon completion of the EIS (if approved), the DBC will be revisited and, following a Queensland Government investment decision for the project, it is expected that the DBC will be publicly released.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The next stage of planning includes progressing design, collecting more detailed geotechnical information, procurement planning and consulting with key stakeholders and the community. Sunwater expects to submit a draft of the EIS to the Queensland Coordinator- General (CG) in 2023.</li> </ul>
3	Group discussion
	Facilitator asked the CRG to share questions, feedback and concerns that CRG members have received from their communities and constituents. Key discussion points summarised below:
	<ul> <li>CRG members commented that it was good to have clarity on the preferred project option moving forward. CRG members had forwarded on the project email update and fact sheet to their organisations and constituents.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>CRG member asked if further engagement was planned in the Ravenswood community and Sunwater confirmed and advised they are planning briefings for 2023.</li> </ul>
	CRG recommendations for specific matters to address in future communications:
	<ul> <li>Reliability for existing customers and the assessments that will be undertaken to examine this</li> </ul>
	Cost impacts for existing customers
	<ul> <li>How much extra water would become available and what is the future demand?</li> </ul>
	Will the EIS examine potential impacts on surface water and groundwater?
4	Wrap up and close Follow-up actions were confirmed. Sunwater will in contact CRG members in January to schedule meetings in for 2023.

Sunwater acknowledges the Birriah and Jangga peoples — the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where Burdekin Falls Dam is located and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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