

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
Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country, Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country provided by the Chair.
Ratify PDRG Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference (ToR) ratified and now published on the Sunwater website
Paradise Dam Improvement Project (PDIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paradise Dam has been spilling for much of the year. Working in a dynamic river system will be a key consideration for the project, with potential for schedule implications. Enabling works activities are progressing including material sourcing investigations, planning for the worker accommodation camps and outlet works (required prior to PDIP). Alliance establishment process, timelines and benefits discussed. Sunwater as the asset owner ultimately takes responsibility for the project. Road investigations update provided by Harrison Infrastructure Group (HIG). Initial timing is included in the timeline over page. Road safety and road alignment were discussed with community information sessions planned for 2023. Interest from local businesses and workers to be involved in the project. Sunwater will follow the State procurement policies and procedures which support local procurement. Sunwater has set up a mailing list form to capture interest from local businesses. Environment and planning approvals update provided by Epic. An Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) is being prepared to support a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation application. Ecological survey work has been conducted. Sunwater has also been supporting surveys of white-throated snapping turtles, some of that survey work had been delayed this year due to wet weather. Construction works will be largely within the area of the initial dam build footprint and the Essential Works footprint. Sunwater is still considering options for the camp location. Reference design update provided by GHD including the design process, associated computer modelling, hydraulic design, structural design, construction methodology, reference design development, supporting geotechnical investigations and independent Technical Review Panel. There is a plan to install two drainage galleries, one in the existing structure and one in the new buttressed section. The design needs to safely pass the probable maximum flood.
Water sale considerations update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunwater shared feedback received to date on options to reintroduce water for permanent sale during PDIP, noting that there is a strong view that no permanent sales should be made until the PDIP is complete, to avoid any impact on announced allocations for existing customers, and a desire to see a sales process commence ahead of project completion to provide some earlier confidence for business planning. Some parties have suggested some water should be made available for sale to reduce pressure on the temporary transfer market. Sunwater is not proposing to take any immediate action and is providing drop-in sessions later this month for people to ask questions about a fact sheet that will be shared.
Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members requested a timeline for upcoming activities – see following page. Sunwater asked to consider a positive recreational legacy. Sunwater to provide updates about the fishway. Retaining existing functionality to enable upstream and downstream fish passage is key.

Next meeting – Sunwater to confirm for late February/early March 2023.

Timeline for upcoming PDIP activities:

Upcoming activity targets	Timing
Shortlist construction alliance partner proponents	December 2022
Concrete mix trials	December 2022
Tender for priority road works	Early 2023
Alliance development with shortlisted construction proponents commences	January 2023
Reference design completion	End February 2023
First phase of outlet works commence	Q2 2023
MID approval	Mid-2023
Preferred construction proponent identified	Mid-2023
Further geotechnical investigations commence	Mid-2023
Award contract for priority road works	Q3 2023
Degilbo Creek Crossing works	Early 2024

Actions noted at this meeting and pending from previous meeting:

Action	Responsibility	Status
July22#2 Prepare a brief summary of each meeting that members can share with the groups they represent	Sunwater	Ongoing
Jul22#4 Share results of the next rounds of environmental monitoring once available	Sunwater	Pending
Jul22#9 Discuss public viewing opportunities and options to enable transparency during site works with the PDRG prior to works commencing on site	Sunwater	Pending
Nov22#1 Sunwater to speak with Biggenden Chamber of Commerce regarding specific opportunities for road safety improvements near Biggenden.	Sunwater	New action
Nov22#2 Sunwater to ensure that potential road alignment considerations are shared in discussions with Traditional Owners regarding cultural heritage.	Sunwater	New action
Nov22#3 Sunwater to hold community information sessions to share planned road upgrade information in early 2023.	Sunwater	New action
Nov22# 4 Sunwater to provide an update on MID formal engagement timelines once confirmed.	Sunwater	New action
Nov22#5 Sunwater to extend the invitation to environmental briefings to Burnett Catchment Care Association and to Traditional Owner representatives.	Sunwater	New action
Nov22#6 Sunwater to make a two-way speaker available at meetings for online participants.	Sunwater	New action
Nov22#7 Sunwater to include upcoming activity timeline in November meeting summary.	Sunwater	New action
Nov22#8 Sunwater to consider recreation legacy options in consultation with NBRC as the project progresses.	Sunwater	New action
Nov22#9 Sunwater to arrange the next meeting for late February/ early March 2023.	Sunwater	New action