

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.
Paradise Dam Improvement Project (PDIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A current focus is planning for road works that will enable project commencement. • Quotes have been received for development of a 2D flume and 3D physical hydraulic model of the dam that will be used to verify the design as it is progressed. • The Environmental Assessment Report (EAR), which is the primary document needed to support the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) application, is ready for submission to State Government. • Four conforming construction partner bids were submitted last year and Sunwater has shortlisted two proponents. A request for proposal was issued on January 31. Formal response to proposals are due mid-April. Sunwater aims to confirm the preferred proponent in July 2023. Procurement of long-lead items (e.g., concrete batching plants), is in train. • Material collected from local quarries has been taken to a specialised facility in Brisbane for mix trial testing. • White-throated snapping turtle and lungfish monitoring is ongoing along with routine water quality testing. This work will form a baseline for monitoring during PDIP implementation. • The Burnett River is the boundary between Wakka Wakka Country and Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda Country. • Sunwater is currently working with the Wakka Wakka People, consultancy Archeo-Converge and Queensland South Native Title Services to arrange a cultural heritage inspection of the sections of Paradise Dam Road where upgrades are proposed. The works proposed are inside the existing road reserve.
Storage Level Management & Water Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunwater will need to reduce the Paradise Dam storage level for upcoming outlet enabling works and while PDIP works are underway from late 2024. • This is important for safe working and to have warning time when there are inflows to demobilise workers before an overtopping event. • Out-of-allocation water will be made available to Burnett River sub-scheme customers when releases are required to manage the storage level. • DRDMW outlined the requirement for a water permit if customers want to access out-of-allocation water from a river offtake and explained how to complete the permit application form. Permits will be valid until 30th June 2025.
Member feedback survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair ran a short digital survey to obtain member feedback. Feedback was positive overall. • Members agreed to proceed with member presentations at future meetings to help understand each other's interests in the Dam, learn more about each other's work, and build networks.
Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunwater has considered customer feedback and has no current plans to sell new permanent water in the Burnett River sub-scheme.

Timeline for upcoming PDIP activities:

Upcoming activity targets	Timing
Shortlist construction alliance partner proponents	December 2022 – complete
Reference design completion	End February 2023 – complete
Concrete mix trials commence	Underway
Tender for priority road works	Q2 2023
Alliance development with shortlisted construction proponents	Underway
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#2 Sunwater to ensure that potential road alignment considerations are shared in discussions with Traditional Owners regarding cultural heritage.	Sunwater	Ongoing. Cultural heritage survey of Paradise Dam Road upgrades in planning.
Nov22# 4 Sunwater to provide an update on MID formal engagement timelines once confirmed.	Sunwater	Pending
Nov22#5 Sunwater to extend the invitation to environmental briefings to Burnett Catchment Care Association and to Traditional Owner representatives.	Sunwater	Pending. Next briefing date TBC.
Nov22#6 Sunwater to make a two-way speaker available at meetings for online participants.	Sunwater	Ongoing
Nov22#8 Sunwater to consider recreation legacy options in consultation with NBRC as the project progresses.	Sunwater	Pending
Feb23#1 Sunwater to share online link to water quality reports on Sunwater website: https://www.sunwater.com.au/customer/water-quality/	Sunwater	Complete
Feb23#2 Sunwater to arrange next detailed environmental briefing for interested parties.	Sunwater	New
Feb23#3 Sunwater to provide further AA scenario testing for the next water year as enabling works progress.	Sunwater	New
Feb23#4 Sunwater to share Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment findings with the PDRG as available	Sunwater	New
Feb23#5 Sunwater to include information on how to complete the permit application in customer communications.	Sunwater	Complete – see PDIP out-of-allocation event

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Feb23#6	Survey results to be shared with meeting minutes.	Chair	Complete – see attached
Feb23#7	The Chair and Sunwater to organise for member presentations to commence.	Chair, Sunwater	
Feb23#8	Sunwater to communicate decision not to consider further sales in upcoming customer communications.	Sunwater	Complete – see PDIP out-of-allocation event dashboard - Sunwater
Feb23#9	Sunwater to set date for next meeting.	Sunwater	New