



**Summary of
Board meeting 200
Wednesday 9 November, 2011
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Prior to the meeting, the Directors received a G-MW Financial Review and a presentation on G-MW's use of social data.

Health, Safety and Well-being Monthly Report

The report for October 2011 was discussed. The Board noted there was one lost time injury and two medical treatment injuries sustained during September. The Board also noted that Victoria was seeking a 12 month deferment to the introduction of "harmonisation" legislation.

Opening

The Chairman welcomed Directors and those in attendance to the meeting.

Declarations

There were no declarations of interest.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman commented on his recent round of meetings, which included the following -

- A meeting with the Treasurer who expressed a high expectation that G-MW will maintain and improve services and fund any capital expenditure from surpluses
- A meeting with directors of NVIRP following the recent government announcement
- A meeting with the Minister at which Water Plan 3 was discussed, as was the need for a longer term tariff review independent of the Water Plan, which the Minister endorsed.
- The recent G-MW annual meeting of Directors which attracted six customers: consideration needs to be given to optimizing the event in future
- A recent meeting of the full working Committee of the NVIRP task group

Managing Director's Overview

The Managing Director indicated that his future reports would be in the form of an executive overview of the monthly business of the organisation.

The Managing Director's recent attendance at the MDBA Plan briefing in ACT was discussed, with the next step being a consideration next week in the ACT of various modeling scenarios.

The detail of the Plan, amongst other things, provides for –

- An overall target of 2800GL
- 1600GL to be found before 2019
- A review of sustainable reversion limits in 2015
- Victoria to find 400GL by 2019
- A 20 week consultation period after release on 28 November.

It was noted that the Federal government will continue with its water purchase program.

Governance Report

The Governance Report was noted, with the Board –

- Approving the appointment of Mr Greg Reynolds as Chair of the Shepparton Water Services Committee
- Approving an extension of 12 months in their term as Chair for those Committee members listed in the report and in respect of the Regional Water Service Committees appearing against their respective names
- Approving proposed changes to the Remuneration Committee Charter
- Approving the publication on the G-MW website of minutes of Water Services Committee meetings but expressing a clear preference that a weekly or monthly newsletter on the website was a preferred method of communication with G-MW customers.

Watermove Business Protocols

The Board considered and adopted revised Watermove Business Protocols dealing with the relationship between G-MW and Watermove.

Goulburn Bulk Entitlement Amendment

Following assurances that there will be no adverse impacts on G-MW customers, the Board approved an application to the Minister for Water to amend the Bulk Entitlement (Eildon-Goulburn Weir) Conversion Order 1995.

Rural Residential Schemes – Guiding Principles

After some discussion the Board gave its in principle support to the Rural Residential Schemes Guiding Principles, and noted the proposed consultation with DSE, the Minister's office, Councils and Urban Water Corporations.

Water Plan Capital Expenditure

The Board noted the status of capital expenditure against the Water Plan2 for the period 2008/09 to 2012/13.

Water Plan 3 Update

The Board noted the update report and that the Essential Services Commission has been confirmed as the agent of the ACCC and issued, on 18 October 2011 guidance material on the development of Water Plan 3. The Board also noted components in the guidelines directed at managing costs down in the third regulatory period.

Monthly Reports for Noting

The Board noted the following monthly reports –

- Wholesale Water Business Performance Report
 - A presentation on houseboat business and revenue was requested for the next meeting
- Retail Water Business Performance Report
 - Channel tuning with current high flows is proceeding, having been previously conducted with low flows
 - Flood related complaints have increased
- Water Services Committee Report
- Human Resources Report
- Technology Status Report
 - noted

Quarterly Reports for noting

The Board noted the following quarterly reports –

- Northern Regional Sustainable Water Strategy Progress Report
- Environment and Sustainability Report
- Corporate Plan
- Critical Projects Status Report

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15 November 2011

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