

# WSC MEETING SUMMARY



<b>COMMITTEE NAME</b>	Murray Valley
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	20 September 2017
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>WSC Members:</b> Jason Andrew, Patrick Connolly, Alan Hendy, Iwan Van Den Berg, Paulette McIntosh, Rodney McCracken, Alastair Whittington.</p> <p><b>GMW Attendees:</b> Brendan Brooks (Customer Service Manager), Martina Cusack (Regional Manager Customer Service), Peter Egglestone (Innovation Interface &amp; Reconfiguration Manager), Stephen Starkey (East program Delivery Manager)</p>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Rabi Maskey

## Main Topics Discussed

### Connections Update

- Members were updated on the WW2017 program and advised that bank shaping, access tracks and non-critical fencing were still being completed
- An overview of the “in season” pipelines being constructed by John Holland was provided
- Reconfiguration planning already in progress and upcoming SCPs (MV has a large number)
- ECI construction and scope as well as an update on current E2E delivery projects. In Murray Valley 11 are nearing completion and 26 are still to be finalised
- WSC were advised that all engagement is planned to be completed by June 2018 and their assistance is sought to inform irrigators to attend.
- Commissioning of new meters now taking priority with irrigation season underway. Resources increased to deal with backlog.
- Largely a successful winter but has also been quite challenging
- Some discussion about on-farm issues that had arisen with a customer complaining to WSC chair.
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### Katunga WSPA Groundwater Management plan Update

- The Minister approved the amended plan on 22 August 2017
- Customers have had allocation increased from 70% to 100% for 17/18
- WSC advised of the major amendments within the plan: allocation method, trading rules and the targeted monitoring of SOBs

### Water Resource Update

- An update on current forecast conditions, 17/18 determinations, 17/18 outlooks and risk of spill was provided
- Members noted the resource improvement during August
- A 10% deduction from spillable accounts with 190GL remaining in SWA
- Discussion on the Barmah Millewa Account and inflows required to get to possible LRWS allocation

### Tariff Review & Delivery Share Review Update

- Two WSC members went to workshop
- Support the concept of tagging water shares and increased storage fees to reduce IAF
- WSC have concerns about future GMID viability with customers selling water to remain viable.
- Concern there is a tipping point and dairy is vulnerable
- Support concept of delivery share being cheaper for larger users to provide incentive to utilise the system