

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Loddon Campaspe Regional WSC
MEETING DATE	7 November 2018 – Lake Eppalock GMW Office
ATTENDEES	<p>WSC: Norm Suckling (Chair), Andrew Maher (Deputy Chair), Ross McKinstry, Tom Walsh, Hilary Jankelson, Garry Addlem, Tim Harrington, Richard Carter, Karl Hooke</p> <p>GMW: Dale McGraw Customer Service Manager Diversions – West, Peter Watson Customer Service Coordinator Diversions – West, Matt Pethybridge Manager Groundwater & Streams, Mark Bailey Head of Water Resources, Daniel Irwin Executive Manager, Geoff Coburn Manager Policy & Reform</p>
APOLOGIES	Greg Shannon

Main Topics Discussed

WSC Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norm Suckling was nominated as ongoing Chair of the Loddon Campaspe Regional Water Service Committee and Andrew Maher was nominated as the ongoing Deputy Chair. Dale thanked Norm and Andrew for their commitment to their respective roles over the past 12 months.
Enhancing Water Service Committee's – Greg Shannon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Shannon provided the outcomes of a recent survey of WSC members investigating how GMW can further enhance the current Terms of Reference, membership and outcomes to strengthen committee's involvement.
Financial Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial reports for the 2017/18 season and the first quarter of season 2018/19 were provided to the committee.
Tariff Review Working Group Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loddon Campaspe Regional WSC members who sit on the Unregulated & Groundwater and Regulated Tariff Working Groups provided an overview of developments to the meeting. There are still some outstanding action items that need to be completed ahead of the next meeting which will help provide a clearer picture of financial performance and the appropriateness of the existing tariffs. It was suggested that there was still potential to improve the language used for each of the charges. In particular, the confusion around the "Access Fee" and what activities this fee covers.
Resource Updates – Mark Bailey, Matthew Pethybridge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided an update on the current surface water resources in the Loddon, Bullarook and Campaspe systems. WSC were provided an update on the groundwater resources within the Loddon and Campaspe catchments; as well as provided a summary of the usage patterns for season 2017/18. The meeting was informed of the Mid-Loddon GMA, Lower Campaspe Valley WSPA and Loddon Highlands WSPA plan reviews. Members were updated on the work being undertaken by DELWP in conjunction with independent consultants GHD, to review the connectivity between existing Mid-Loddon resources and those west of the Mid-Loddon Boundary.

Sale of Section 51 Licences

- Provided a draft paper that seeks a review of GMW's process for issuing Section 51 Take & Use licences.
- Members provided feedback on the document and will further review and comment following the outcome of the independent assessment of the resources west of the Mid-Loddon GMA.

Transformation Update – Daniel Irwin

- Presented to the committee the work currently being undertaken as part of the Transformation of the business to support the recommendations from the 2018 Strategic Advisory Panel Review of GMW.
- Members expressed their support of targeted savings; however, highlighted previous reductions already made to operational budgets and the relationship to service provision.