

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Ovens, King And Mid Murray Regional WSC
MEETING DATE	4 October 2018
ATTENDEES	<p>RWSC: Malcolm Carson (Chair), Peter Antonello (Deputy Chair), Rodger Broderick, Robert Cook, Sid Dalbosco, Ray Park, Bruce Johnsen</p> <p>GMW: Stephen Gemmill (CSM Diversions MNE), Peter Clydesdale (Regional Manager Customer Service East), Bob Knowles (River Operations - Video), Andrew Harbour/Scott Ridges (Groundwater & Streams)</p> <p>VISITORS: Brooke Hermans (NECMA)</p>
APOLOGIES	

Main Topics Discussed

North East Land and Water Management Plan (NELWMP) Renewal – Brooke Hermans	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the Plan Renewal. • Session gave an overview and explained the purpose of the Land and Water Management Plan. • Committee were shown the results of the irrigator survey identifying priority risks to broader water management in the region, primary tools & support, and current challenges to sustainable irrigation. • Presentation also covered the four main program areas proposed and the next steps in the renewal process. • Survey results in particular generated a fair bit of discussion around pumping costs and flood damage, which are outside the scope of the Plan. 	
Transformation Update – Peter Clydesdale	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on Transformation, including the process and changes in the Transformation Panel. • Discussed the new business structure and where Diversions fits in. • Peter also provided an update on work towards Recommendation 18 in the Review, and the 4 common themes in the feedback from the WSC's. Malcolm provided a brief overview of his feedback. • Discussion took place around the MD, Chair, Ombudsman's Report and the Minister visit. • The new Chairman's support of Transformation was emphasised to the Committee. 	
Water Resources Update / Seasonal Outlook - Bob Knowles	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a Water Resource update. • Looked at current availability, recent conditions, seasonal & system outlooks, and key message for this season and next. • There was a particular focus on Ovens & King regulated restriction assessments, the likelihood of these systems ending up on restrictions this season, and access to spillage entitlements and when spillage sales might cease on both systems. This generated a fair bit of discussion. 	
Groundwater & Streams Update – Scott Ridges / Andrew Harbour	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined what has been happening in the unregulated & groundwater space in the East. • Advised the Committee on matters DELWP are currently reviewing that they are likely to seek RWSC endorsement on. • Provided thorough updates on the Katunga Water Supply Protection Area, the Upper Ovens WSPA and its Plan review, and the Lower Ovens GMA and its Plan review, including feedback from licence holder survey and proposed draft amendments. 	