WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Central Goulburn
MEETING DATE	23 September 2019
	WSC Members: Peter Hacon, David Kerr, Susan Wearden, Murray McDonald, Ruth McGrath & Ray Sellwood
ATTENDEES	GMW Attendees: Paul Cox (Customer Service Manager), Greg Shannon (Regional Customer Service Manager), Ann Telford (GM Customers & Stakeholders), Daniel Irwin (GM Strategy & Services Planning), Kristin Favaloro (Head of Communications & Engagement) & Andrew Shields (Acting Head of Water Resources)
	Visitors: Lyndall Ash (Agriculture Victoria)
APOLOGIES	Stuart Young, Mark Bailey (Acting General Manager Water Delivery), Peter Clydesdale (Project Manager Pricing Submission) & Mick Souter (Customer Service Coordinator)

Main Topics Discussed

Pricing Submission Customer Facing Document – Ann Telford & Daniel Irwin

- Provided the committee an overview of the engagement process and what GMW has heard from customers and stakeholders.
- A key result from this engagement work, has indicated a significant reduction in revenue requirement is needed for Water Plan 5 (WP5).
- Discussion was had on Entitlement Storage Fees and the Committee was pleased to see the proposed removal of the price difference between water users and non-water users.
- The Committee discussed uniform pricing and wanted to ensure more scrutiny was had when assessing applications for land to be bought into the GMID.
- Service Point Fee proposals were welcomed, however the Committee felt that there may be some angst from small users with the local read functionality and price increase.

Inter Valley Trade – Andrew Shields

- Provided an update and explanation on the recent announcement made by the Water Minister regarding the changes to the IVT rules.
- These rules will help protect the Goulburn River and that previous prolonged high volumes of delivery were causing environmental impacts.
- The Committee were very supportive of the loophole now being closed.

Operations Managers Report – Paul Cox

 A brief overview of current local operations was provided including information on the 2 linear projects completed over winter.