

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Murray Valley
MEETING DATE	22 November 2019
ATTENDEES	<p>WSC Members: Jason Andrew(Chair), Alan Hendy, Amabel Grinter, Andrew Routley, Iwan Van Den Berg, Patrick Connolly</p> <p>GMW Attendees: Chris Ryan (Acting Customer Service Manager) Peter Clydesdale (Regional Manager Customer Service East) Ann Telford (General Manager Customer & Stakeholders) Jonathan Koop (GMW Board Director)</p>
GUESTS	Rabi Maskey (DEDJTR) Mark Bryant (NVIC), Dudley Bryant (NVIC) Ryan Lindsay (NVIC) Chris Bourke (NVIC)
APOLOGIES	Brendan Brooks (Customer Service Manager) Rodney McCracken (WSC), Paulette McIntosh (WSC)

Main Topics Discussed

<p>DELWP Update – Mark Mitchell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided the committee an update regarding the water market options paper and advised consultation process closed on the 8th November • WSC supportive of full market transparency: members discussed that full transparency is key. To the depth of detail around full market transparency would need to be worked through – e.g. identification naming large market players, entitlements and allocation, transaction details etc. • Centralised trading platform needs to be worked through – complex • Information of allocation and water trade data provided • Managing delivery risks below Barmah Choke and Goulburn to Murray trade rule review also discussed • Tagged accounts to be treated as inter valley trade rule from December • Committee advised grandfather tagged accounts are exempt from the inter valley trade rule established before 22 October 2011. WSC requested further information regarding those accounts
<p>Water Plan 5 Update – Ann Telford, Peter Clydesdale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided the committee an overview of the engagement process and what GMW has heard from its customers and some key proposals • GMW Pricing Submission lodged in mid-November to the Essential Services Commission and is up for consultation • WSC members were advised to provide any feedback regarding GMW Pricing Submission to the Essential Services Commission – <i>emailed website link to members</i> • Invitation was extended to four Murray Valley customers to attend the meeting • Discussion around GMW to be transparent, honest and open • Concerns raised with the Goulburn to Murray Trade review and impacts on the Broken Creek customers following the changes to the Inter Valley Trade rules • A detailed response provided to members regarding the price gap between Shepparton and other districts has closed significantly. • GMW proposal to move to a uniform price for the whole GMID including Shepparton – will see a reduction in IAF cost Key proposal for system pricing

Operations Update – Chris Ryan

- A brief update of the irrigation delivery, weed spraying and connections project works provided to the members.
- One member raised discussion on fire prevention and responsibility holders of dry grass within the area