WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Torrumbarry WSC
MEETING DATE	28 November 2019
	WSC Members: Ann Hodge (Chair), Tim McNeil, Charlie Gillingham, Andrew Leahy, Bernice Lumsden, Kyal Seibert
ATTENDEES	GMW Attendees: Greg Shannon Regional Manager – West, Ross Stanton Customer Service Manager, Mark Bailey – Head of Water Resources, Paul Wilde – Revenue Manager
	Other Attendees: Mandy Coulson – Manager Sustainable Agriculture NCCMA, Charles Thompson - RMCA
APOLOGIES	Peta Thornton

Main Topics Discussed

Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region Land and Water Management Plan Draft Land (LWMP) – Mandy Coulson and Charles Thompson

- Provided a presentation to the committee regarding the draft plan
- Including in the briefing provided was a summary of the proposed program including regulation program, monitoring by steering committee, connection to whole farm plans, education and training, and drainage infrastructure development targeting areas that currently don't have existing drains
- Draft plan to be released for public comment in early December and will be open for feedback until end of January 2020, there are also 2 public meetings planned, the dates of these is to be confirmed

Inter-valley Trade and Implications for Pyramid and Torrumbarry Customers – Mark Bailey

- Provided the committee with a briefing concerning the inter- valley trade rule changes including reference to Minister Neville's media release in August, and the reason change was required
- It was noted there have been significant increases in tagged accounts in recent years which has meant increase flows impacting the Goulburn through erosion, notching, and habitat impacts including tree falls
- The committee was briefed on the process GMW will take to liaise with affected customers, via mail and phone calls
- It was noted that the majority of affected customers will be in the Torrumbarry Irrigation Area
- The committee was advised that tiered water sharing arrangements for next year had been announced, and it we would be in tier 1 which standard operations between states

Accounts Relievable - Paul Wilde

- Provided the committee with a briefing on the debt and current debt management within GMID and within Torrumbarry IA
- Committee was advised that the long term debt had been reduced significantly in the last 2 years
- The committee will be provided a further update in 2020

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