

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Ovens, King And Mid Murray Regional WSC
MEETING DATE	28 February 2019
ATTENDEES	<p>RWSC: Peter Antonello (Deputy Chair), Rodger Broderick, Sid Dalbosco, Bruce Johnsen</p> <p>GMW: Stephen Gemmill (CSM Diversions MNE), Bob Knowles (River Operations - video), Andrew Harbour/Suzanne Hayes (Groundwater & Streams - video), Ann Telford (GMW Executive Manager Strategic Engagement - video link)</p> <p>VISITORS: Sabrina Tederowski (DELWP), Brooke Hermans (NECMA)</p>
APOLOGIES	Malcolm Carson (Chair), Robert Cook, Peter Clydesdale (Regional Manager Customer Service East)

Main Topics Discussed

Northern Victoria Water Resource Plan – Sabrina Tederowski	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented on Victoria's North and Murray Water Resource Plan (WRP). Presentation covered an overview of the WRP, what it does and does not do, and what needs to be looked at in the WRP. Good discussions were held around such things as where irrigator rights fit into the WRP, priorities around human consumption v environmental needs, and potential adverse outcomes from environmental watering. Looked at the next stages in development/approvals of the WRP. 	
Transformation / Customer Charter Update – Stephen Gemmill	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided the Committee with a Transformation update. Looked at the Transformation timelines, Critical Decisions, the Conditions of Satisfaction and Identified Operational savings. Presentation also covered System & Process improvements. Also provided the Committee with a brief overview of the changes made to the Customer Charter in response to Recommendation 21 in the SAP Review of GMW. 	
North East Land and Water Management Plan (NELWMP) Renewal – Brooke Hermans	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided an update on the NELWMP Renewal. Session gave an overview and explained the purpose of the Land and Water Management Plan. Presentation covered the five main program areas and provided clarity around each of the activities associated with them. Committee were advised of the consultation process on the draft Plan, the questions for feedback, and how to have their say. Committee didn't identify gaps in the proposed programs and activities. 	
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 messages for this season and next. Also looked at Ovens and King Restriction curves and the Murray shortfall risk. 	

Groundwater & Streams Update – Andrew Harbour / Suzanne Hayes

- Outlined what has been happening in the unregulated & groundwater space in the East.
- Looked at stream flows and the current level of restrictions in the Ovens and King catchments.
- Provided a thorough overview of groundwater levels, usage, trades etc in the Katunga and Upper Ovens WSPA's, and the Lower Ovens GMA.
- Andrew advised the Committee where things are up to in relation to the Lower Ovens GMA LMP review, including proposed amendments and the next steps.

Customer Engagement – Ann Telford

- Provided background to the review of the WSC's, needing to consider how they might look into the future and the role they might play.
- The Committee were asked a series of questions in this space and provided feedback accordingly.