

MEETING	Interagency Working Group (IWG) Meeting for Better Managing Environmental Water		
MEETING NO.	18	DATE	28 June 2019
LOCATION	Cliftons Meeting Room 13.05, 60 Margaret Street, Sydney, NSW Phone: 63914553, VC: https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/vc/254553	TIME	10:15am - 4:30pm
ATTENDEES	DoI Water, Water NSW, OEH, MDBA, CEWO, DPI Fisheries, NRC DoI Water Renewal Taskforce		
APOLOGIES	DPI Agriculture, NRAR		

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome and Apologies	The Chair updated the group that targeted consultation for active management policy positions had been undertaken in the Macquarie and Gwydir water sharing plan areas. The Chair updated the group on the machinery of government changes and that the new department (Department of Planning, Industry and Environment) and structures begin 1 July 2019.
Minutes and Actions	Minutes of meeting #14, #16 and #17 were endorsed.
Update from the Chair	The Chair thanked the group for their comments on documents that are now being processed for publication, including: the Progress Report, IWG Terms of Reference, Work Plan, Meeting Summaries from Meeting #16 onwards. Noted that the Independent Observer's Report on the Northern Connectivity Event will also be published. The Chair advised the e-hub is scheduled to go live in mid-July.
Process and timeframe for public exhibition	DoI Water advised public exhibition for the Barwon-Darling WRP will be later in the year. Expecting the draft of NRC's review of the Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan on their website on 10 July 2019. The Taskforce updated that the amendments for the Gwydir and Macquarie Water Sharing Plans for active management will go out for public exhibition concurrent with the Barwon-Darling.
Governance Advice	IWG discussed the final draft of the Governance Advice provided and opened discussion for any further changes. The group agreed they were happy with the content.
Update on Active Management	The Taskforce updated the group on feedback from targeted consultation on Active Management. Noted that feedback from the Barwon-Darling SAP members generally supported it. The Macquarie and Gwydir targeted consultation attendees gained a better understanding of the concept by the end of the meeting, attendees raised concerns that they were currently experiencing reduced opportunities to take water and there was discussion about a number of factors that are influencing this reduced opportunity such as include drought and efficient running of the regulated system. The Taskforce noted that some additional one-on-one discussions would be required to tease out issues with individuals in both Gwydir and Macquarie and that the consultant will follow this up.
Individual Daily Extraction Limits	The Taskforce noted that preferred IDEL distribution option and trade rules would not be shared due to market sensitivities. The Taskforce presented an overview of the analysis undertake against each option being considered.

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Resumption of flows in the Barwon-Darling	<p>The Taskforce presented information on resumption of flow rule and the outcomes of the analysis of options considered.</p> <p>The group noted that key benefit for the multi sectional rule is the ability to relax it in sections when inflows from tributaries occur and meet the downstream requirements.</p> <p>The Taskforce explained the rule development process, the guiding principles, a summary of the development of scenarios, the results of modelling the shortlisted scenarios and a comparison of the Section 324 and resumption of flow rule events.</p> <p>The IWG generally agreed with the proposed rule presented, although DPI Fisheries expressed reservation and requested additional analysis and information.</p>
Modelling proposed package of rules	<p>Dol Water explained that the package is IDELs plus the resumption of flow rule and that active management cannot be replicated in the model as it is implementing the rules.</p> <p>Dol Water presented their modelling assumptions and results.</p>
Northern Connectivity	<p>The Taskforce presented a summary of the northern connectivity work to date and asked for feedback. Noted that it will be further discussed at a later meeting.</p>
Next meeting	<p>17 July 2019.</p>