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## Meeting 2, 13 February 2020, Jerilderie

The Yanco Community Advisory Group (YCAG) discussed planning for two Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) projects associated with the Yanco Creek System that aim to deliver equivalent environmental outcomes using less water.

- Yanco Creek Offtake Project
- Modernising Supply Systems For Effluent Creeks - Murrumbidgee River Project

Attended by an independent Chair (Norm McAllister) and representatives from the Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council (Tanya Thompson, Bob Crawford, Mark Wettenhall), Leeton Shire Council (Mayor Paul Maytom), Narrandera Shire Council (Deputy Mayor David Fahey), Edward River Council (Mayor Norm Brennan), Creek Country Alliance (Richard Sleigh), Colombo Ski Club (Jim Morgan), Murrumbidgee Field Naturalists (Nella Smith) and NSW Farmers Association (Richard Coughlin). Mayor Patrick Bourke - Federation Council and Mayor Ruth McRae - Murrumbidgee Council were apologies.

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment staff present included David Leslie (Principal Project Officer), David Clarke (Senior Project Officer) and Rod Hardwick (Senior Project Officer).

### Meeting summary

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Discussed and endorsed words on group's purpose being '*Provide a forum that generates agreeable water savings options that achieve local neutral or positive triple-bottom-line outcomes (environmental, economic and social) through honest and transparent consultation and investigation on the range of issues pertaining to delivering the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism within the Yanco Creek System*'.
- Discussed the need for interactions between the technical advisory group for Yanco SDLAM projects and the YCAG and that a formal documented process is required.
- Discussion on how to accurately inform decision makers regarding the projects progress and views of the YCAG.
- Community members will get the opportunity to submit alternative SDLAM project ideas.
- A presentation and discussion on environmental watering in the Murrumbidgee, site specific flow indicators and environmental watering requirements was delivered.
- A presentation and discussion was held regarding the development of a method for evaluating SDLAM project options. The intent is to generate a short list of preferred options for more detailed studies.
- A list of existing SDLAM options, including new options, was shared for review and contribution.
- The group discussed classification and remuneration options as provided by NSW DPIE Water and unanimously endorsed to form a NSW Government departmentally appointed committee, whereby members are paid sitting fees.
- The next meeting will be held at Jerilderie on the 12 March 2020.

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