

## Lake Macdonald Dam Improvement Project - CRG

<b>Date and Time</b>	19 November 2025 3:30pm-5:30pm
<b>Location</b>	Lake Macdonald DIP Site Office
<b>Attendees</b>	Seqwater: 2 members John Holland: 4 members CRG – Paul O'Hare, Philip Moran, Nick Cooke, Russell Manning, Brad Wedlock ODAPTIC – Jessica Gallienne, Alana McDermaid
<b>Apologies</b>	Kerry Jones, Norman Bond, Trish Gray
<b>Purpose</b>	Meeting 5 of the Lake Macdonald CRG

### Meeting Minutes

Item	Description
1.	<b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b> ODAPTIC opened the meeting and welcomed all members. Introductions from Seqwater, John Holland, and CRG members. Acknowledgement of Country delivered.
2.	<b><u>Site Tour</u></b> A guided site tour was conducted by John Holland representatives. Attendees viewed construction areas including the spillway, cofferdam works, sheet piling, and staging zones for upcoming demolition and piling works.
3.	<b><u>Project Update</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mulch has been distributed to Noosa Landscaping Supplies and local residents.</li><li>• Further query raised regarding transporting mulch an additional 10 km.</li><li>• Wildlife representative has been unresponsive – follow-up required.</li><li>• Downstream emergency alerts reviewed following recent issues in Cooran.</li><li>• Resident meetings ongoing, coffee catch-up on 15 November had strong attendance.</li><li>• Rowing Club DA remains in progress, with lake levels continuing to impact access.</li><li>• Piling Update:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sheet piling nearing completion.</li><li>• Secant piling program to commence following the 15-day demolition window.</li><li>• Piling activities expected to continue into 2026.</li></ul></li></ul>

4.	<p><b><u>Outstanding Actions from Meeting #4</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mulch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mulch has been distributed to Noosa Landscaping Supplies and local residents.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wildlife Contact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seqwater advised that attempts to contact the wildlife representative have been unsuccessful.</li> <li>• A CRG member with committee involvement will make further enquiries and report back at the next meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>TMR Report - Item raised and closed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Water Allocation / Emergency Alerts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRG members advised downstream residents in Coran were not alerted during a recent water release, which could have contributed to flooding of access areas.</li> <li>• Emergency plan has been updated following August onsite review.</li> <li>• Seqwater is investigating improved alerting for downstream areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.	<p><b><u>Communications Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stakeholder Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing resident meetings have been held over recent months.</li> <li>• LDMG onsite meeting occurred; updated emergency plan reviewed.</li> <li>• Coffee catch-up on 15 November had strong attendance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rowing Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing discussions; development application in progress (Hoy Road).</li> <li>• Lower lake levels have impacted access for club activities.</li> <li>• Request to place a rowing club storage container on Botanic Garden grounds declined due to Botanic Gardens Master Plan Precinct works.</li> <li>• Alternative options being considered with Seqwater, Noosa Council and Rowing Club.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Botanic Gardens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further updates requested for Meeting 6.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Truck Movements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several complaints received re: speeding and tailgating.</li> <li>• Cross-checking indicates these trucks are not part of the project.</li> <li>• All complaints continue to be taken seriously and Seqwater and John Holland continue to work with Noosa Council and QPS about incidents with all vehicles including forwarding complaints related to other works in the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.	<p><b><u>Demolition Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Phase 1 &amp; Phase 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excavation of training walls and creation of a 30m slot through the existing spillway.</li> <li>• Critical sequence to occur within a 72-hour period.</li> <li>• Stockpiling of material onsite; dam wall rubble retained near former Scout area.</li> <li>• Current planned timing: February 2026 (<b>subject to weather and approvals</b>).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Phase 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demolition of existing spillway walls and concrete slabs.</li> <li>• Works will form the temporary low-flow channel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Phase 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works extend into left and right embankments.</li> <li>• Phases 1–4 delivered across a 15-day, 24/7 work period, <b>weather permitting</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Resident Notifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents will be kept informed on demolition with direct discussions prior to this stage of the project with residents near the dam wall.</li> <li>• All nearby residents will be notified as early as possible once a suitable weather window is identified.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

7.	<b><u>Lake Macdonald Drive / Elm Street upgrade update</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target commencement: early 2026.</li> <li>No design changes; approvals in progress.</li> <li>No works to occur prior to Christmas.</li> <li>Estimated construction duration: 10 weeks.</li> </ul>
8.	<b><u>Wet Season Readiness</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance and seasonal preparedness activities are underway.</li> <li>Updated communication channels available; residents encouraged to subscribe.</li> <li>Noosa Council has requested Seqwater lead community alert notifications.</li> <li>Broader wet-season communication planning in progress.</li> </ul>
9.	<b><u>Additional Questions</u></b> <b>Sheet Piling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion expected shortly.</li> </ul> <b>Construction 'Camp' – left embankment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current camp configuration relating to coffer dam construction will not continue into 2026.</li> <li>Site access will continue on the left embankment, with revised arrangements.</li> </ul> <b>Scout Ground</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area being used as a borrow pit.</li> <li>Scout hut to be demolished</li> <li>Area will be rehabilitated for recreational use.</li> <li>Future long-term use expected to be confirmed through an EOI process to Seqwater.</li> </ul> <b>Acknowledgements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appreciation expressed for the updates and clarity provided.</li> </ul>

## Action items

Item	Action	Assigned to
1.	Confirm whether the dust and noise monitoring data is publicly available and able to be shared.	Seqwater
2.	Review and improve downstream emergency alert process (Cooran) and report back.	Seqwater
3.	Provide update on Rowing Club DA, access impacts and any alternative storage options.	Seqwater
4.	Provide update on sheet piling completion and confirm revised construction 'camp' arrangements for left embankment.	John Holland
5.	Circulate draft CRG meeting dates for the next year.	ODAPTIC
6.	Follow up and confirm the Wildlife Society meeting location.	CRG member (Philip)

## Forward Agenda items

Item	Action	Assigned to
1.	Legacy Projects: Ongoing; updates to continue.	Seqwater
2.	<b>Gympie Weir Upgrade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project progressing; further details to be shared.</li> <li>Engagement pathways (including Indigenous engagement) being clarified.</li> </ul>	Seqwater
3.	<b>Construction Phase Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for more frequent breakdowns of upcoming construction stages.</li> </ul>	John Holland

4.	<b>Environmental Monitoring - Requests include updates on:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fish monitoring and removal</li><li>• water quality</li><li>• flora and fauna</li><li>• sediment and weed growth</li><li>• water temperature trends and impacts (e.g. cod spawning)</li></ul>	Seqwater
5.	<b>Trucking &amp; Quarry Information:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• advance notice of increased truck movements</li><li>• extraction tonnage to date</li><li>• breakdown by quarry, allocations still being finalised.</li></ul>	John Holland
6.	<b>Forward Meeting Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft schedule to be circulated.</li><li>• Meetings to continue at <b>3:30pm</b> at the library.</li><li>• Future site visit may be arranged at the next milestone.</li></ul>	ODAPTIC

The meeting closed at 5:20pm.