

North Pine Dam Improvement Project - CRG

Date and Time	16 June 2026 4:00-6:00pm
Location	Meeting Room 2, Everton Park Library, 573 S Pine Rd, Everton Park
Attendees	Community Reference Group Members: • Robert Plenderleith • Bruce Wallace • Tim Seiffert • Rodney Sinclair • Mel Jackson • Tracy Anson • Ann Jarman. Community Reference Group Observers: • Pine Rivers Koala Care Association • David Hooper – Queensland Office of the Coordinator-General • Christine Chang – Queensland Office of the Coordinator-General. Seqwater Representatives x6 Meeting Facilitators (ODAPTIC): • Jessica Gallienne • Ananya George.
Apologies	Tim Hunt (Member), Coralie Muddle – City of Moreton Bay (Observer), Chris Barnes – City of Moreton Bay (Observer).
Purpose	This was the third meeting of the North Pine Dam Improvement Project Community Reference Group (CRG). The purpose was to provide members with a project overview and update.

Meeting Minutes

Item	Description
1.	<u>Welcome</u> • Acknowledgement of Country was delivered by Seqwater. • ODAPTIC opened the meeting, collected talent consent forms, and facilitated introductions. • The meeting agenda was outlined for members.
2.	<u>Review of Actions from Previous Meeting</u> • Heritage status of Dayboro weir and pump station: Seqwater clarified that only the pump station is heritage listed; pipelines are not included in this classification. A CRG member raised concerns about fauna impacts if the dam returns to a perennial stream, as well as inspection of

	the weir. Seqwater confirmed it is responsible for maintaining the weir and undertakes annual inspections. Planning is underway to remediate parts of the weir, including the rock embankment, however this is not part of the North Pine Dam Improvement Project. A CRG member asked whether a fish ladder would be installed in the Dayboro weir. Seqwater advised this is not proposed at this stage. Further questions about Dayboro Weir should be directed to the Seqwater customer team. Status: Closed. • Ecological survey: Further investigations may be undertaken to capture the full expanse of information with studies potentially continuing into 2027. Status: Postponed to 2027. • Residents Association: Information about flood awareness is available through Seqwater's website and community notification services. Council representatives attend CRG meetings as observers only, and matters relating to Council areas should be directed to the City of Moreton Bay. Road safety upgrades are being considered as part of the dam works, supported by ongoing community engagement. A CRG member noted that the footpath on the saddle dam is close to the road and was advised this may be addressed as the project progresses. Status: Closed.
3.	<u>North Pine Dam Improvement Project Update</u> • Seqwater is undertaking the Detailed Business Case and is targeting completion by 2027. • Meetings are ongoing with the City of Moreton Bay, Queensland Office of the Coordinator-General, and the Commonwealth Government to discuss the delivery of the project. • Seqwater is continuing to engage with the City of Moreton Bay about the project's impact on Forgan Road. <u>North Pine Dam Staged Strengthening Project Update</u> • As at the meeting date, headblock installation is complete, drilling is approximately 80% complete, and 12 anchors have been installed. Drilling is expected to be completed by the end of July. • Longest anchor installed is 100.8m and the shortest is 39m. • The trial anchor has been successfully tensioned. The remaining 12 anchors are expected to be tensioned in mid-July after setting and curing. The trial anchor is the same size as the largest anchor and is being used to test the contractor's means and methodologies before they are applied to permanent anchors. The trial anchor will be decommissioned at project completion. • Anchor lengths vary because the dam's bedrock steepens toward the river.
4.	<u>NPDIP & NPDSS Look Ahead</u> • Geotechnical investigations are expected to continue from July through August, with test pits and trenches to be located around the site. • Progress the Detailed Business Case and supporting activities, including engineering design. • Continue drilling, anchor fabrication and installation, and primary spillway anchoring planning.
5.	<u>Community Engagement Update</u> • Seqwater hosted a small number of volunteers from the City of Moreton Bay's Community Disaster Management Program on site to support National Volunteer Week. • North Pine Dam's 50th anniversary celebrations will be held in August or September. • A Coffee in the Park community event will be held on Saturday 4 July. • The Quarter 3 and 4 community newsletters will provide further information, including details about the Moreton Bay Emergency Services Expo in September.

6.	<u>Project Legacy and Recreation Facilities Update</u> • Strong community input was encouraged, including feedback on how infrastructure decisions could affect the local area. Seqwater reinforced the importance of trust, collaboration and partnership with the community. • Seqwater explained why legacy matters, noting the dam’s primary purpose of providing drinking water and the role of recreational facilities in supporting the community. The following guiding principles were outlined: ○ Community awareness and purposefulness – to bring about strong community input ○ Collaboration and partnership ○ Enduring value and resilience ○ Transparency and accountability – to communicate effectively through newsletters ○ Integration and pragmatic delivery. • These principles will guide Seqwater’s consideration of future local benefits through the dam project, alongside fiscal responsibility and investment priorities. • Seqwater noted that these guiding principles will inform dam-related decisions and future planning. • Seqwater is also considering how community issues can be better managed outside the project scope, while maintaining its focus on providing safe drinking water. • Eight types of legacy are being considered: ○ Community ○ Environmental ○ Cultural ○ Economic ○ Education ○ Partnerships ○ Innovation ○ Place-Based – Recreational facilities are considered place-based legacies. • Seqwater’s recreation policy must be considered when supplying and maintaining recreational facilities. • Some parks may need to close temporarily during the dam upgrade. Seqwater is considering how to improve recreation quality and whether alternative recreation areas could be provided during works. • Forgan Park is challenging to manage due to misuse, and Council has raised concerns. Anti-social behaviour has been observed. CCTV was also discussed, noting Queensland policy / law constraints. • Questions were raised about what would happen to Forgan Park after construction. A potential connection between Bullocky Rest and Forgan Park was proposed with potential for building a new footpath being highly valued. • Seqwater reinforced their commitment to transparency. • Development of walking trails was raised, including how they could be improved and potential safety issues. Recreational trails have also been discussed with Council.
7.	<u>Recreation at Seqwater and for the NPDIP</u> • McGavin View Park will be reinstated after construction with potential for improvement. • Tukuwompa Park will be impacted and closed during construction. Its suitability for broader community use will be reviewed, noting safety and security concerns. • Bullocky Rest will also be impacted by construction, with potential for improvement to provide

	better community facilities. • Forgan Park and Tukuwompa Park will be considered for reopening based on SME advice and further studies, noting anti-social behaviour observed in the area. • Forgan Cove will be impacted by construction with potential for improvement. • The focus is on quality over quantity, with further decisions to be made for these areas. • Forgan Park as well as McGavin View Park were noted to be well-loved by the community and are currently lacking footpaths around them which would provide greater access and amenity to the areas. • Connectivity through new footpaths was emphasised, alongside concerns about the permanent closure of parks. Further information about these areas will be provided at future meetings. • Opportunity to build walking trails was also raised between McGavin View Park and Old Gympie Town. Lake Kurwongbah on the other hand would require multiple stakeholder approvals. • A question was raised about the design of North Pine Dam and why it is being upgraded. Seqwater advised that methods for assessment of dam safety conditions have changed since the dam was first constructed, meaning earlier assumptions need to be validated using current techniques. New standards and regulations require the dam to be upgraded.
8.	<u>General Business</u> • ODAPTIC opened the floor to the attendees. • Further discussion was held about the project's primary drivers. It was clarified that: ○ Structural changes to the dam are being made to support longevity and strengthen a major drinking water source. ○ Increasing downstream population and changes to assessment of dam safety are key drivers for the upgrade. The works will help address flood-related risks more effectively. • Concerns were raised about clearing pockets of trees along the saddle dam areas, including potential risks and impacts for koalas and their food sources. • CRG members will have two weeks to provide feedback on improvements that could be considered in early project planning and deliver legacy benefits for the community. Ideas included: ○ Consider how to minimise loss of koala food sources, retain local habitat around Forgan Road and manage the koala crossing area. ○ Improve maintenance of bush tracks through Odens Bend. ○ Incorporate First Nations and settler history through interpretive recognition and displays, including local stories such as Winn Road and the former sawmill. ○ A cultural centre, and the opportunity for information on wartime in the area. ○ Koala and rehab facility be housed in the area. ○ Parks to maintained as they are and increase picnic areas. ○ Protect flora and fauna. ○ Support school tours by continuing to teach about water treatment, potentially through an education centre. ○ Use the tools still in storage to promote these tools of trade at the site. ○ Consider a kayak area at Forgan Cove and, if redeveloped, a two-lane boat ramp for public access. ○ Opportunity to look at how the overarching lake is utilised on the water in each of the different zones. ○ Aquiculture centre at the dam, with State Government and/or University partnership. ○ Establish a foreshore management committee to represent different community interests and help manage competing requirements.

	○ Interpretative signage along walking paths – cultural references, historical references, and practical references. ○ Mountain biking or horse-riding facilities – with potential to extend these around the other side of the dam. ○ Additional signage/deterrents regarding dog restrictions. ● Members were invited to submit further feedback and ideas within two weeks for consideration by the team, with a response to be provided at the next CRG meeting. Seqwater advised that while all feedback will be carefully considered, we're not in a position to commit to specific outcomes, and not all suggestions may be able to be progressed.
9.	<u>Next Meeting</u> ● Tuesday 8 September at 4pm. Location to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 5:55pm.

Action items

Item	Action	Assigned to
1.	Submit further feedback and ideas within two weeks for consideration by the team.	CRG Members
2.	Respond to feedback at the next CRG meeting.	Seqwater

Forward Agenda items

Item	Action
1.	Environment – Flora and fauna, protection of native and endangered species, koalas, fish ladders, and fish management strategies. Seasonal study investigation report findings & Platypus monitoring results.
2.	Water Supply and Security – Lake levels, water security, and investment projects (NPI-3, Dayboro, etc.).
3.	Construction – Methodology, staging, and access/road impacts.