

Central Lockyer Valley Irrigation Forum

Held: 7:00pm on 25 May 2015 at Gatton

Registered attendees: 12 irrigation customers were in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Introduction

The forum was told that Seqwater proposed to continue with irrigator forums open to all customers of the Scheme unless customers requested an alternative arrangement. Seqwater advised that consultation forums would continue to be held at least annually. Additional forums may be held subject to customer or Seqwater demand. Seqwater further proposed that it would meet with any customer working groups formed to address specific issues. Customers were advised to signal the need for convening a forum by placing requests by email or phone.

Customers were advised that the 2014 network service plan was available on the Central Lockyer Valley Water Supply Scheme page on Seqwater's website and the 2015 plan would be available from 30 September 2015. Customers without internet access and wishing to receive a copy of the existing plan and to be sent the new plan were asked to register their interest.

Agenda Item 2 – Renewals program

Seqwater reported on the current year renewals program and outlined the renewals works expected to be undertaken in 2015-16.

Attendees expressed concern at the cost of meter installations. Seqwater advised that it competitively tenders for contractors who must be able to satisfy Seqwater's safety standards.

Agenda Item 3 – Future renewals plan

Seqwater presented future renewal projects above \$30,000 out to 2036-37. It was explained to the attendees how these projected costs impacted on the renewal annuity in the current price path and would impact the next price path. Seqwater advised that the future program of works would be updated for presentation ahead of the next pricing review.

Agenda Item 4 – 2015-16 announced allocation

The process for determining the announced allocation was presented and explained. Attendees were advised that the forecast announced allocation for Morton Vale Pipeline was likely to be 100% for 2015-16.

Agenda Item 5 – Operations

The forum was opened for questions and answers.

In response to a question about Morton Vale pipeline lateral MV/1, Seqwater advised there were no current plans to install a booster pump.

Agenda Item 6 – Water supply contract

Seqwater explained that the *Water Act 2000* requires that holders of a water allocation within a Seqwater water supply scheme must enter into a water supply contract with Seqwater. Where no water supply contract existed, a standard supply contract is deemed to be in place.

Seqwater advised it intended to send water supply contracts to all allocation holders before the scheme becomes part of the Morton Resource Operations Plan.

Agenda Item 7 – Volumetric water allocations project

Representatives of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines were introduced. The Department outlined the upcoming project to convert existing supplemented entitlements to volumetric water allocations including Morton Vale water allocations. Discussions centered around timing and the process to determine the volumes of the water allocations. There was a discussion about salinity. The Department put forward options for conducting consultations.

Agenda Item 8 – Other matters

Seqwater confirmed that further forums would be on an “as needs” basis.

Attendees were shown how to find and access the Central Lockyer Valley scheme web page on Seqwater’s website.

Agenda Item 9 – Meeting close

With all agenda items completed, the meeting was closed.