

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Murray Valley
MEETING DATE	21 December 2016
ATTENDEES	<p>WSC Members: Jason Andrew, Paul Mundy, Paulette McIntosh, Alan Hendy, Pat Connolly, Rodney McCracken, Iwan Van Den Berg.</p> <p>GMW Attendees: Brendan Brooks, Martina Cusack, Brendan Ryan, Ben Ziser, Carmine Piantedosi, Stuart Nield, Sam Green, Fiona Nioa</p> <p>Visitors: Nil</p>
APOLOGIES	Rabi Maskey (DEDJTR).

Main Topics Discussed

GMW Strategy Workshop Presentation/Discussion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a briefing of the summary points from the November WSC Strategy workshop • Discussion on the nine themes and more than 500 ideas. • WSC asked what was being progressed with the top three actions identified in the Chairs and Deputies meeting following the WSC workshop in Moama, as these actions need to be addressed and not wait until the GMW strategy is fully developed • Members reminded that GMW needs to ensure that Irrigators and Environment who are primary users of water need to be key consideration in decisions if sustainable outcomes are to be achieved. 	
Annual Price Review	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a presentation to the committee regarding the following: price adjustments – timelines – objectives – engagement & feedback process. • The committee was advised that ESC have adopted a new approach to assess future price submissions. The level of engagement with customers will be one of the criteria in which the regulator will assess validity of the submission, based on consultation, content, and timing of consultation. • WSC were a little concerned about workload and GMW resourcing to meet these obligations which is ultimately paid for by the customer 	
2016-2017 Maintenance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was provided to the committee regarding MV Maintenance program in 2015/16 and planned works for 2016-2017 which showed spread of budget allocation against various activities • Weeds plan program summary was outlined with arrowhead a challenge to the area. • WSC want GMW to work with customers that contribute to channel bank damage with their cattle – improve fencing to protect assets. • Cost saving innovations were presented including options that include remodelling, and reusing silt from the channels to form access tracks – improving maintenance efficiency • WSC endorsed GMW proactive approach in desilting channels and spraying of arrowhead to maintain and improve water delivery to meet service standards. 	
2016/2017 Capital Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was provided outlining 2016/2017 capital works • Information was outlined on the process GMW has to assess priorities and determine capital work projects. • Murray Valley had two larger bridge structures and number of linear projects delivered in 15/16 & 16/17 • Briefing was provided on other smaller capital works projects including drain structures, metering and any electrical works planned for 2016-2017 • Committee queried the maintenance of channels retained through the Connections reset delivery plan. 	