

Details

Meeting: Healthy Floodplains Review Committee

Location: Teleconference

Date/time: Monday 31 August 2020
10.00am – 11. 30pm

Chairperson: [REDACTED]

Attendees

Committee:

1. [REDACTED], Independent Chair of the Healthy Floodplains Review Committee
2. [REDACTED], NSW Farmers Association representative, landholder from the Caroon area of the Liverpool Plains
3. [REDACTED], NSW Nature Conservation Council representative and landholder Mudgee
4. [REDACTED], NSW Irrigators Council representative, Local Irrigator and landholder, Moree

DPIE – Water Healthy Floodplains:

5. [REDACTED] - Director Healthy Floodplains
6. [REDACTED], Manager Licencing Healthy Floodplains Project, DPIE
7. [REDACTED], Senior Project Officer, DPIE
8. [REDACTED], Senior Project Officer, DPIE
9. [REDACTED], Project Officer, DPIE (minutes)

Consultants:

10. [REDACTED] - Alluvium Consulting Pty Ltd
11. [REDACTED] - Consultant

This meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible	Date due
1	Welcome	Meeting open	Chair	n/a
2	Declaring conflict of interests	None declared	Chair	
3	Committee process for technical review of modelling submissions	<p>Discussion regarding a process where by the committee can understand the models effectively and demonstrate accountability to Industry.</p> <p>A process to give the committee confidence that the robust modelling information is fair and equitable and based on the best technical data.</p> <p>The approach to use an independent consultant to undertake a peer review of the Border /Gwydir modelling approach and parameters, particularly rainfall runoff and then to provide a written report to the committee was discussed.</p> <p>The independent consultant would also formally engage with other independent experts to participate in the review process and provide peer review.</p>		

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	Flying minute	<p>That the Healthy Floodplain Independent Review Committee (HFIRC):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calls on the engagement of an independent modelling expert, namely ██████████ of Alluvium Consulting P/L to assist the Committee in making recommendations that include but are not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All submissions have been dealt with fairly and equitably and that the DPIE-W analysis has been robust. b. Reporting as needed, bringing forward any issues by exception to the HFIRC for their endorsement prior to DPIE-W responding to applicants. 2. In addition ██████████ to conduct an independent peer review on the modelling assumptions and application processes and reporting back on level of confidence as to its 'fit for purpose'. 3. That the Committee will review the Model prior to its application in other Valleys in regards to any anomaly's indigenous to that valley. 4. DPIE-W to consider delivery of information sessions too (but not limited to) the different areas of interest represented on the HFPIRC. 	Committee	Emailed 4 September 2020

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	Identification of suitable independent modelling experts to provide a test and report on the Border/Gwydir modelling approach and parameters - particularly rainfall runoff.	██████████ to provide a list of modelling experts to the committee for endorsement at the 15 September committee meeting.	██████████	Emailed 1 September 2020 Names listed on committee meeting agenda for 15 September 2020
8	Meeting close	11.00 am	Chair	

Meeting closed

11am

Next meeting

15 September 2020 (teleconference)