

### Details

**Meeting:** Healthy Floodplains Review Committee

**Location:** Teleconference

**Date/time:** Wednesday 17 June 2020  
10.00am – 4.00pm

**Chairperson:** [REDACTED]

### Attendees

#### Committee:

1. [REDACTED], Independent Chair
2. [REDACTED], Landholder from the Caroona area of the Liverpool Plains
3. [REDACTED], Nature Conservation Council and landholder Mudgee
4. [REDACTED], Local Irrigator and landholder Moree

#### Healthy Floodplains:

5. [REDACTED], Director Healthy Floodplains Project, DPIE
6. [REDACTED], Senior Project Officer, DPIE
7. [REDACTED], Senior Project Officer, DPIE
8. [REDACTED], Project Officer, DPIE

#### Natural Resources Access Regulator:

9. [REDACTED], Manager Floodplain Harvesting, NRAR
10. [REDACTED] - Senior Water Regulatory Officer, NRAR

### Apologies

1. [REDACTED], Manager, Water Modelling, DPIE
2. [REDACTED], Principal Policy Officer, DPIE
3. [REDACTED] Lead Modeller DPIE
4. [REDACTED], Lead Modeller DPIE
5. [REDACTED], Assistant Project Officer, NRAR
6. [REDACTED] - Senior Water Regulatory Officer, NRAR

### This meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible	Date due
1	Meeting open	[REDACTED] welcomed all and noted attendance / apologies.	Chair	n/a

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible	Date due
2	Confirmation of Agenda	████ provided an overview of the items to be discussed. Some discussion held as to the order of the agenda and what works well.	████	n/a
3	Review of submissions		All	n/a
4	Declaring conflict of interests	████ – G083 & G086 (████) departed the meeting at 11.02am. ████ re-joined the meeting at 11.15am.	All	n/a
5	Review of submissions		All	n/a
6	Break	Meeting paused at 11.10pm, reconvened at 11.15am.	All	n/a
7	Review of submissions		All	n/a
8	Qualifying field storages	Discussion held re qualifying measurement of storages. Ensure Industry understand what the parameters are for qualifying field storage.  Storage needs to be 1. a feature that is capable of storing water and 2. needs to be able to be measured for NRAR to provide consideration.  Calculation of volume 1. 1m freeboard or 2. an alternative.  By remaining with the 1m freeboard maintain consistency across the board.  Reaffirm above points with Industry Reps.	Chair  ████	n/a
9	Break	Meeting paused at 12.45pm, reconvened at 12.50pm.	All	n/a

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible	Date due
10	Forward work plan for submissions	<p>█████ provided a brief overview of the forward work plan: Farm Scale Validation process, Review Committee meeting Schedule, meeting Agenda Items and Outcomes.</p> <p>█████ provided an update on progress of the total submissions for all valleys to date.</p> <p>█████ advised a total of 25 submission per day is manageable. Anything in addition should be dispersed across two days. Submissions to be sent one week prior to each meeting.</p> <p>Further discussion to be held offline re additional payment to committee members for time spent preparing for submissions. Notify committee members.</p> <p>Meeting dates to be discussed further at the next meeting. Re-occurring meeting invite to be distributed.</p>	<p>█████</p> <p>█████</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>HFP</p> <p>HFP</p>	n/a
11	FPH engagement with Industry Reps.	<p>█████ provided an overview of the current FPH industry engagement and oversight currently in place (Dept Ag). Any issues that cannot be reconciled will be brought to and discussed with the HFP RC members.</p>	<p>█████</p>	n/a

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12	Determination letters for Border Rivers and Gwydir landholders.	<p>Fifteen letters endorsed and approved on 17 June 2020.</p> <p>Distributed to landholders via email on 18 June 2020.</p> <p>(BR001, BR005, BR011, BR017, BR017, BR018, BR021, BRO022, BR023, BR025, BR027, BR028, BR030, BR032, G020, G033)</p> <p>Moved – [REDACTED] Seconded – [REDACTED]</p>	Committee [REDACTED]	18 June 2020

## Submission Outcomes

Submission number and property	Issue	Comments by committee (Agreed/declined/more evidence required)	Action
3-BR052	1 Consider whether missing pipe should be included on WIP and modelling	Withdrawn and to be submitted at a future meeting subject to NRAR doing a review. NRAR to revisit and put in an overview map for review.	Return to NRAR for map – completed 18/6/20
	2 Consider whether missing pipe should be included on WIP and modelling		
	3 Consider whether storage 5 should have a pump size of 450mm		
	4 Consider whether the siphon should be included on the WIP		
	5 Consider whether additional pipe should be included		

	6 Consider whether additional pipe should be included		
	7 Consider whether 750mm button value should be included		
	8 Consider whether 1200mm pipe should be included		
6-G133	2. Contesting OFS capacities x 4. Consider whether 1996 surveys should be accepted.	<p>Recommends amending storage volumes as follows:</p> <p>FPH1 - increase of 110ML to 360ML</p> <p>FPH2 - increase of 25ML to 65ML</p> <p>FPH3 - increase of 48ML to 168ML</p> <p>FPH4 - increase of 10ML to 40ML</p> <p>Total increase of 193ML to 643ML for property</p> <p>Note: The Healthy Floodplains Review Committee recommends adopting a standard 1m free board for all on-farm storage's, accordingly all storage capacity recommendations reflect this position.</p>	Letter drafted 18/6/20
8-G155	2 FPH 5 Pipe - not relevant to FPH	Can't assess on what is provided in the submission – request more evidence to support	Evidence request – awaiting NRAR advice

		so that the committee can determine. Send a request for evidence	on what should be requested.
	3 FPH 7 - not relevant to FPH - blowout		NRAR advise that perhaps a letter should be sent to the landholder to determine if they wish to withdraw from the project. Implications of this would be spelt out.
	4 FPH 8 tailwater reticulation not relevant to FPH		
	5 FPH 10 not relevant to FPH		
	6 FPH 39 not relevant to FPH		
10-G156	1 Contesting OFS capacity	<p>Recommends that storage volume is increased to 813ML, an increase of 133ML</p> <p>Note: The Healthy Floodplains Review Committee recommends adopting a standard 1m free board for all on-farm storage's, accordingly all storage capacity recommendations reflect this position.</p>	Letter drafted 18/6/20
	2 Contesting pump capacity	Recommends that pump capacity (flow rate) for FPH6 is amended to 120ML/day based on two 380mm pumps at the site.	
	4 Inclusion of surge area	Recommends that the surge area is <b>not</b> included as an eligible floodplain harvesting work.	

13-G132	1 Contesting storage capacity	Supports 14 day letter to request additional information to support the request for 1203ML. Need to check the figures in the advice e.g. 930ML vs 960ML.	Evidence request sent 18/6/20 for information available for 1203ML volume.
14-G008	1 Contesting storage volumes x 3	<p>Recommends amending storage volume as follows:</p> <p>FPH1 - increase 122ML to 3022ML</p> <p>FPH2 - increase 286ML to 1646ML</p> <p>FPH3 - No increase, remains as 50ML</p> <p>FPH4 - No increase, remains as 6770ML</p> <p>Surge storage (Storage 5) - Recommends that request for inclusion of additional storage volume is denied.</p> <p>Total storage volume increase of 408ML to a total of 11,488ML for the property.</p>	Letter drafted 18/6/20
15-G083_G086	1 Contesting storage capacity x 2	<p>Recommends that storage volumes be amended as follows:</p> <p>G083 - [REDACTED] - FPH1 - increase by 15ML to 1955ML</p> <p>G086 - [REDACTED] - FPH1 - increase by 35ML to 525ML</p> <p>Note: The Healthy Floodplains Review</p>	Letter drafted 18/6/20

		Committee recommends adopting a standard 1m free board for all on-farm storage's, accordingly all storage capacity recommendations reflect this position	
	2 Contesting pump capacities x 2 G083	Recommends that pump capacities (FPH25) be amended to a <b>total</b> of 240ML/day for 2 x 600mm axial flow pumps.	
42-BR035	1 Contesting storage volume FPH1	Recommends that storage volume be amended to 2269ML, an increase of 289ML  Note: The Healthy Floodplains Review Committee recommends adopting a standard 1m free board for all on-farm storage's, accordingly all storage capacity recommendations reflect this position	Letter drafted 18/6/20
	2 Additional channel from FPH points 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14	Recommends the extension of channel (FPH24) as described in your submission (from FPH20, FPH10, FPH12, FPH11, FPH13 to FPH14).	
	3 Contesting pump capacity FPH21	Recommends that pump capacity (flow rate) is amended from 120ML/day to 156ML/day	
	4 Requesting additional storage	Recommends that [REDACTED] is not included as an eligible	



	(50ML surge) in [REDACTED]	floodplain harvesting work.		
57-BR019	1 Contesting storage volume FPH1	Inadequate evidence 14 day letter	Evidence requested 18/6/20	
	2 Contesting pump capacity FPH5	Inadequate evidence 14 day letter		
	3 Requesting additional pump	Supported based on confirmation of horsepower of pump for ML/day		
	4 Requesting addition of pipes x 3 (2 x 1200mm, 1 x 1050mm)	Not determined		
	7 Requesting additional channel	Not determined		
	8 Requesting addition of 1050mm pipe, 750mm pipe x 2 in relation to issue 3 (additional pump)	Not determined		
	9 Requesting additional channel	Not determined		
62-G067	1 Contesting storage volume FPH1	Not determined		NRAR to determine eligibility of inlet pipe and how to deal with it.
	2 Requesting 900mm inlet pipe	Committee can't make a determination – outside of scope – NRAR to advise.		
		out of scope for consideration at this point in time		

69-G072	1 Contesting storage volume	<p>Recommends amending storage volume as follows:</p> <p>FPH1 - increase by 42ML to 452ML</p> <p>FPH2 - increase by 30ML to 450 ML</p> <p>Total increase of 52ML to 902ML for the property.</p> <p>Note: The Healthy Floodplains Review Committee recommends adopting a standard 1m free board for all on-farm storage's, accordingly all storage capacity recommendations reflect this position</p>	Letter drafted 18/6/20
20-G019	1 Contesting storage capacity (Additional evidence requested 25/5/20, received 5th June 2020)	<p>Recommends amending storage volume to 1121ML, an increase of 301ML</p> <p>Note: The Healthy Floodplains Review Committee recommends adopting a standard 1m free board for all on-farm storage's, accordingly all storage capacity recommendations reflect this position</p>	Letter drafted 18/6/20
55-G009_G102_G103	2 Requesting that fields 4 and 6 be included as storages	Park this until a consistent method to deal with this is devised. Make sure we are appropriately representing in the modelling space.	Held over, awaiting clarification from Department
	3 Contesting storage volume (Evidence		

	requested 27th May 2020 - nil received)		
	5 Requesting that fields 16,17,18, and 11 be included as storages		
16-G052_G055	1 Contesting storage capacity (G052-FPH 4)	Park this until a consistent method to deal with this is devised. Make sure we are appropriately representing in the modelling space.	Held over, awaiting clarification from Department
	2 Contesting storage capacity x 3 (G055)		
	3 Contesting pipe intake rates		
	4 Additional pipe request on FPH 2 OFS 2 Dam 32		
	5 Additional pipe request from Channel FPH 41		
	6 Contesting pipe intake rates FPH 22 & 29		
	7 Contesting pipe intake rates FPH 15		
2-BR048	1. Contesting storage volumes x 5	Recommends amending storage volumes as follows:  FPH1 - increase of 200ML to 1870ML	Letter drafted 18/6/20

		<p>FPH2 - increase of 291ML to 1371ML</p> <p>FPH3 - increase of 270ML to 1900ML</p> <p>FPH4 - increase of 280ML to 1300ML</p> <p>FPH5 - increase of 183ML to 763ML</p> <p>Total increase of 1,224ML to 7204ML for the property.</p> <p>Note: The Healthy Floodplains Review Committee recommends adopting a standard 1m free board for all on-farm storage's, accordingly all storage capacity recommendations reflect this position</p>	
	2. Extension of channel	Supports extension of channel 35	
36-G056 [REDACTED]		Park this until a consistent method to deal with this is devised. Make sure we are appropriately representing in the modelling space.	Held over, awaiting clarification from Department

Meeting closed

1.20pm

Next meeting

23 June 2020 (teleconference)