

Details

Meeting: Healthy Floodplains Review Committee

Location: Teleconference

Date/time: Tuesday 23 June 2020
9:00am – 12:30pm

Chairperson: [REDACTED]

Attendees

Committee:

1. [REDACTED], Local Land Services
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], Lead Modeller, DPIE
9. [REDACTED], Lead Modeller, DPIE
10. [REDACTED], Principal Water Modeller, DPIE

Apologies

1. [REDACTED], Manager, Water Modelling, DPIE
2. [REDACTED], Project Officer, DPIE
3. [REDACTED], Manager, Regulatory Practice, Natural Resources Access Regulator

This meeting

No.	Issue	Discussion/Action	Responsible	Date due
1	Meeting open – 9:05am Welcome and confirmation of agenda	[REDACTED] welcomed all and noted attendance / apologies.	Chair	n/a
2	Declaring conflicts of interest	Nil conflicts noted	All	n/a
3	Confirmation of previous meeting minutes (15 th May 2020, 12 th June 2020, 17 th June 2020)	Action: [REDACTED] to send through amendments to the 15 th May and 12 th June 2020 minutes Action: [REDACTED] to amend minutes	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Complete Complete

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4	Farm scale validation – modelling letters	<p>█ gave an overview of the letter contents and the what the data represented.</p> <p>Discussion around one-on-one sessions and their value. Noted that the eligible works and modelling sessions were separate, but it was made clear that any changes to eligible works would be reflected in modelling.</p> <p>No actions arising</p>	█	n/a
5	Fact sheets – FAQ's and Evidence Checklist	<p>█ gave the context of the two fact sheets.</p> <p>█ asked a question about accounting rules and █ indicated that this was something that would be taken to the committee once that stage is reached.</p> <p>█ noted that the committee should not receive the submissions until all possible evidence is available. Agreed by the other committee members.</p> <p>Action: Strengthen the section on temporary storages to include evidence of impoundment times, dates and locations.</p> <p>Action: Include pump horsepower as a requirement for pump capacity/flow rate evidence</p>	█	
6	Modelling presentation – outline of submissions and approach to analysis and presentation to the committee	<p>Discuss around evidence requirements and whether the applicants in the Border Rivers and Gwydir received the evidence checklist and how this should be addressed.</p> <p>Action:</p>		

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		<p>1. Determine which applicants received the checklist on the 27th May 2020 (consultants and those with an extension)</p> <p>2. Review the submissions to determine who should be contacted to request more evidence</p> <p>3. Send a generic email with the evidence checklist and provide 14 days for the applicants to provide additional evidence</p> <p>4. Notify the peak bodies (GVIA & BRFF) so that they are aware and can assist if required.</p> <p>Discussion around whether a letter should be sent to applicants to describe changes to the model based on changes to eligible works and model parameters</p> <p>Agreed to the following process:</p> <p>1. Submission reviewed by committee</p> <p>2. No letter regarding modelling submission outcome</p> <p>3. Take before/after results for their farm based on the eligible works and modelling submission</p> <p>Discussion on whether a valley-wide report should be developed.</p> <p>Agreed that the following should occur:</p> <p>A report be prepared on a valley-wide basis to summarise what was changed and how it influenced</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>DPIE</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Once eligible works and modelling submissions are complete</p>

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		modelling – send to industry peaks	DPIE	Once eligible works and modelling submissions are complete
7	Break	Started 10.50am and returned 11.00am	n/a	n/a
8	Other business	<p><i>Use of Natural infrastructure for floodplain harvesting</i></p> <p>██████ - Are billabongs and lagoons assessed differently?</p> <p>██████ – depends whether they meet the eligibility criteria. Need to work through eligibility based on that.</p> <p><i>Determination letters</i></p> <p>Draft letters sent to the committee for review on the 18th be endorsed to send.</p> <p>Endorsed by all committee members.</p> <p>Action: ██████ to send determination letters for the eight submissions that were determined on 17th June 2020</p> <p><i>Temporary storages</i></p> <p>Information taken from ██████ email 23rd June 2020:</p> <p>Please see the below description in relation to the treatment of temporary storage's as follow-up from last meeting's action. Note that we will discuss the modelling of temporary storage's further today.</p>	██████	24 th June 2020 complete

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only storage's that are permanent in nature are being put forward by NRAR for consideration by the review committee as eligible works. As discussed, these all assume 1m free-board. • Temp storage's represented in models if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ meet the policy eligibility criteria ○ are larger than 20ML and 5% of total OFS capacity ○ can be validated as being used through remote sensing • Modelling of eligible and significant temp storage's is based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ transfer to OFS within 14 days after overland flow ceases (limited by airspace) - can be varied up/down if evidence suggests ○ storage capacity based on 0.5m free-board - should not be varied ○ intake rate calculations standardized - can be varied if evidence suggests 		
9	Wrap up & close	<p><i>Future meetings</i></p> <p>Action: Send repeating meeting appointments for the committee (second and fourth Tuesday of the month)</p> <p><i>Next meeting</i></p> <p>14th July 2020. Undertaking that there will be 25 submissions to review from the</p>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	Complete to 25 th August 2020

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		Border Rivers and Gwydir eligible works. Submissions will be sent by the 7 th July 2020.		

Meeting closed

12.58pm

Next meeting

14th July 2020 (teleconference)