

Tatiara WAP Stakeholder Advisory Group
Summary Meeting 21 15 September 2020 – LCLB Office Keith

Group Attendees- Kerry DeGaris (Group chair) - LCL Board, Michelle Irvine – SA Water, Robert Mock – District Council Tatiara, Scott Manser - Lucerne Australia, Scott Campbell – Lucerne Australia, David Edwards – Mundulla Vignerons Inc.

Apologies- Paul Leadbeter – Conservation Council SA, Richard Halliday – Livestock SA, Wayne Dodd.

Staff Attendees- Phil Elson (PE) – Senior Project Officer Water Planning LCLB, Sue Botting – Team Leader Water Planning LCLB, Dean Zeven – Project Officer Water Licensing DEW.

Item	Notes
Welcome	Kerry DeGaris welcomed attendees.
Previous meeting notes	Minutes Previous minutes from meeting 20 confirmed as true and correct. Action outcomes to note • Action 1.14 – Group confirmed acceptance of proposed consumptive pools and unbundled licence structure as presented at previous meeting. Completed to be removed. • Action 18.3 – To be distributed to the Group via email. Completed to be removed. • Action 19.1 – Completed to be removed. • Action 20.1 – Completed to be removed. • Action 20.4 – To be tabled at meeting. Completed to be removed. • Action 20.5 – Resend to DE. Completed to be removed. • Action 20.6 – Completed to be removed. • Action 20.7 – Draft prepared for discussion at meeting. Completed to be removed. Outstanding action list items noted • Action 19.2– To be progressed. • Action: 20.2 - Clarification that draft companion documents include a plain English guide to the WAP. • Action 20.3 – Planning on-going. Recommendations • Nil Advisory Group member Tasks • Task 6.1 – Completed to be removed. • Task 19.1 – Completed to be removed.

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	Task 20.1 – Completed to be removed.
Ground rules	No points were raised by members in relation to the Ground Rules
Group charter	No points were raised by members in relation to the Group Charter
Poocher RCL and RCT	Discussion on RCLs and RCTs for Poocher Management Zone Two options put forward as starting points for the Poocher management zone at the commencement of the WAP, given current level of risk to Poocher: - Poocher starts the WAP with the same conditions as all other management zones. Three staged management response: 1) restrict WRWAs, 2: 30% restriction, 3) another 30% restriction. - New wells, except replacement wells, and increases to maximum extraction volumes on water resource works approvals not permitted in Poocher. Three staged management response each of 20% restriction. - Group discussion: - Q: If starting at a base and then a flood happens how can it revert to current baseline? PE: Only if a review is undertaken. - Q: Do SA Water get restrictions as well? MI: Its difficult in regional SA to have restrictions. There are effectively no more efficiencies to be gained through appliances. Minister has said no restrictions (town water supplies). - PE: Existing conditions for SA Water can be maintained by using classes of water resource works approvals and exempting the SA Water P1 class from the restrictions. - Q: What do SA Water do if resource fails? MI: SA Water will have to manage the situation (eg cart water). Could apply for a section 105. SA Water don't want to deplete the water resource. - Three steps of 20% reductions would be more acceptable to the community than two steps of 30% restrictions. Decision: Option 2 conditions on Poocher management zone at commencement of WAP, and related RCTs/RCLs agreed group consensus. ACTION 21.1: Follow up with DEW (George MacKenzie) the current status of real time monitoring within the Poocher area, including v-notch weirs, runaway hole, observation wells.

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Poocher Review	Confirmation of Poocher Management Zone assessment principles Previously agreed to have a review of Poocher Management Zone included in the WAP. Proposed review required at 5 years or prior if RCT b) is exceeded for two continuous years before 1 July 2027. • Decision: Group agreed to review schedule principles presented, with provisos: - An explanation be included in the companion document. - Change reference in text from changes to management zone to changes in the water resource. ACTION 21.2: Amend Poocher management zone review principles as agreed by the Group.
Issues List	Status of WAP issues The Group reviewed current status of issues • To be completed: d), i), j), l), m), n), q), r), s), t), y. • Group comments: - d) Are there checks that people will not be worse off with changes in management boundaries? Will the changes affect land values? - l) Can't have a certificate of title attached to the entitlement. Concern expressed re ability to control water barons. ACTION 21.3: Update issues table as completed or not completed, and actions as relevant.
Transfers	Discussion of transfers in unbundled environment Presentation on transfer principles. • Apply to Class T only. • Water licence and water access entitlement transfers may be permanent or temporary. • Decision: Group agreed to a 5 year limit on temporary transfers of Water Access Entitlements. • Revisited how classes D and S are dealt with when T is transferred. No change in main substance to the process. Licensing may include a tick box in transfer paperwork to indicate if D and S is included. • Proposal that Class S is forfeited on transfer and not returned at end of transfer. May be issues with Class S being attached to infrastructure and inability to transfer a proportion of SPR. Not an issue for DS as DS can be returned to vendor afterwards. Could address by separating tradeable and associated SPR onto a separate licence and then sell that to land / infrastructure purchaser. • Water allocation transfers apply to Class T only and can only apply for up to 12 months (in water use year). • Classes D and S may be transferred (via forfeit and application) if for the same purpose and returned at end of transfer.

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	ACTION 21.4: Further investigate scenario of Class S where infrastructure is sold. Consider Plan allowing /advising splitting of licences.
Carry-over	Discussion of carry-over in unbundled environment Presentation of proposed carry-over principles. • All classes (T, D and S) have carry over for irrigation, recreation and public water supply. Industry not included. • Proposal that licensees must apply for carry-over – eg must tick a box on water return. • Q: Why concerned about carry-over? Licensees are generally conservative and not using full allocation so carry-over should not be a major concern. • Group: The system is not easy to use. There are lots of errors in it and in using it. High potential for errors. • Group not supportive of applying for carry-over. • Level of carry over to stay as is – 20% or remainder, the lesser. • SPR currently rolling three year average. Now moved to carry-over of previous 2 years. Essentially allows same level of access over same time period, just a different mechanism. • Decision: Carry-over to remain as is. Class S to move to a carry-over mechanism comparable to the current rolling three year average.
Summary of Discussion and Next Steps	Next steps: • Continue community engagement planning. TASK 21.1: Industry representatives to email organisation's contact person to send a letter requesting a meeting presentation. • Next meeting planned 15 September 2020 5pm to 7:30pm at Keith venue TBA
Meeting Close	7:40 pm Scott C left at 7:38pm, Scott M stepped out 6:00-6:15pm

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1.2	Positions for Onion and Potato Grower Organisations be held open for members if they are able to become involved as the planning process develops.	Ongoing.	Organisations may be represented at any stage of review.
1.4	Build in engagement of JBS into the Community Engagement Strategy	Engagement with JBS has been established .	Ongoing .
1.7	Set Ground Rules and the Charter as a standing meeting agenda item.	Ongoing.	Remain open for discussion and review.
1.14	Work on consumptive pools and unbundling will need to be scheduled into the groups work plan / forward agenda programme	Completed.	To be removed.
18.3	PE and MM to come up with a draft communications engagement action plan or group to review.	Completed.	To be removed.
19.1	PE to check and amend Poocher management zone boundary w.r.t vineyard boundary if needed.	Completed.	To be removed.
19.2	PE to investigate RCT monitoring options for Poocher.	To be progressed following advice from SA Water hydrogeologist.	Ongoing.
20.1	Implement advised pre-engagement activities: notices for inclusion with SA Water bills and council rates, radio interview for SAG members, brief paragraph for industry group communications.	Completed.	To be removed.
20.2	Prepare draft companion documents for Group review and comment.	Clarification that draft companion documents include a plain English guide to the WAP.	Ongoing
20.3	Plan engagement activities as discussed: community meeting, radio interview, interactive pdf platform, industry group meetings.	Ongoing	Ongoing
20.4	Update and disseminate community engagement plans for further comment.	To be tabled at meeting. Completed.	To be removed.
20.5	Presentation on unbundled instruments to be forwarded to the Group.	Resend to DE.	To be removed.

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20.6	Presentation on Poocher options to be forwarded to the Group.	Completed	To be removed
20.7	Poocher review option 2 to be further developed for presentation to the Group.	Draft prepared for discussion at meeting. Completed.	To be removed.
21.1	Follow up with DEW (George MacKenzie) the current status of realtime monitoring within the Poocher area, including v-notch weirs, runaway hole, observation wells.	Contacted but staff member on leave	
21.2	Amend Poocher management zone review principles as agreed by the Group.	Completed	To be removed
21.3	Update issues table as completed or not completed, and actions as relevant.	Updated	All issues except one completed.
21.4	Further investigate scenario of Class S where infrastructure is sold. Consider Plan allowing /advising splitting of licences.	New principles developed for splitting or amalgamating licences	

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Recommendation Table

No.	Recommendation	Board Decision
6.1	That the nominations by Mundulla Vignerons Assoc. of David Edwards as member representative and Trent Reilly as observer representative be accepted and approved.	Approved
6.2	That the resignation of David Edwards as observer representative for the District Council of Tatiara be accepted.	Approved
6.3	That the District Council of Tatiara be contacted seeking a nomination for an observer representative to replace David Edwards.	Approved
6.4	That upon the disbandment of the USE NRM Group in February 2018 that the SAG charter be amended by the removal of the USE Group from the stakeholder membership list and that a community stakeholder representative membership position be added to the SAG charter.	Approved
6.5	That upon the disbandment of the USE NRM Group, Wayne Dodd be reappointed to the SAG as the community stakeholder representative member on the SAG.	Approved
6.6	That the final draft version of the principles as endorsed by the SAG be submitted to the Board for approval.	Approved
8.1	That the revised timeline for the Tatiara WAP review be submitted to the Board for endorsement.	Approved
8.2	That the group chair send a letter to the NRM board recommending that the Board provide comment to the Landscapes SA Bill public consultation on unbundling.	Approved
11.1	The amended group charter endorsed by the SAG to be submitted to the Board for approval.	Approved
12.1	The revised Tatiara WAP review and amendment timeline be submitted to the Board for approval.	Approved
13.1	That Michelle Irvine nomination to the group as observer representing SA Water be forwarded to the Board for approval.	Approved
14.1	Final endorsed drafts of all 6 discussion papers be forwarded to Board for approval to release.	Approved
16.1	That the resignation of Trent Reilly (Mundulla Vignerons) as observer be accepted. That the SAG decision to not replace this position be accepted.	

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Members Task Table

Task No.	Task	Status	Outcome
6.1 Check this task no	Members to consider the instruments outlined and potential areas of consumptive pool/s. Consider the provisions that the WAP needs to be built on e.g. enhancing trade, management of hot spots etc.	Completed	To be removed.
19.1	MI to consult SA Water hydrogeologist as to what monitoring would be more useful for SA Water.	SA Water unable to advise on suitable RCT monitoring program.	SA Water to consult further with DEW Science and Monitoring teams.
19.2	Group to provide feedback and comments on draft community engagement plan.	Ongoing	Community engagement plans to be updated as appropriate.
20.1	Group to provide feedback on the unbundling presentation and recommendations for use as a community presentation, particularly figure illustrating change from bundled to unbundled (slide 12).	Completed	To be removed.
21.1	Industry representatives to email organisation's contact person to send a letter requesting a meeting presentation.		