

Tatiara WAP Stakeholder Advisory Group
Summary Meeting 20 19 August 2020 – LCLB Office Keith

Group Attendees- Kerry DeGaris (Group chair) - LCL Board, Michelle Irvine – SA Water, Robert Mock – District Council Tatiara, Wayne Dodd, Scott Manser - Lucerne Australia, Scott Campbell – Lucerne Australia, Richard Halliday – Livestock SA.

Apologies- Paul Leadbeter – Conservation Council SA, David Edwards – Mundulla Vignerons Inc.

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, Megan McCrae – Community Engagement Coordinator LCLB.

Item	Notes
Welcome	Kerry DeGaris welcomed attendees.
Previous meeting notes	Minutes Previous minutes from meeting 19 confirmed as true and correct. Action outcomes to note • Action 18.1 – Completed to be removed. • Action 18.2 – Completed to be removed. Outstanding action list items noted • Action 19.1 – Boundary review completed. To be confirmed with DE. • Action 19.2– To be progressed following advice from SA Water hydrogeologist. Recommendations • Nil Advisory Group member Tasks • Task 6.1 – On agenda for discussion. • Task 18.1 – Completed to be removed. • Task 18.2 – Completed to be removed. • Task 19.1 - SA Water reported that on review of the bore network and monitoring data, they were unable to recommend a monitoring program suitable for monitoring RCTs. SA Water will undertake further consultation with DEW Science and Monitoring team. • Task 19.2 – On agenda for discussion.
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

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Community Engagement and consultation	Two of three community engagement plans developed to date for different stages of consultation: • Pre-Community Engagement of Draft Tatiara WAP (inform of review taking place) • Community Engagement of Draft Tatiara WAP (two rounds of consultation) • Community Engagement of Final Tatiara WAP (implementation of WAP) Discussion on Stage 1 Pre-Community Engagement of Draft Tatiara WAP • Community education and understanding (what a WAP is and what it does) to peak community interest in the consultation / feedback process. • Proposed to do media releases and radio interviews and piggy-back on industry group meetings. • Group feedback: - Many of the local community (licensees) have been in the region a long time and understand what a WAP is. They only need to know that a new WAP is being developed and how that will affect them. - Recreational licensees may need particular attention (re discussions at previous meetings), and while townspeople may not be interested they should be made aware given concerns around town water supply. - Do a broad community approach and engage directly with industry groups. - Include communications with SA Water bills and council rates notices for best results. - Potential radio interview with a SAG member (DE suggested). - A short spiel for industry groups (Lucerne Australia, Mundulla Vignerons) to send out to their members. ACTION 20.1: Implement advised pre-engagement activities: notices for inclusion with council rates, radio interview for SAG members, brief paragraph for industry group communications. Discussion on Stage 2 Community Engagement of Draft Tatiara WAP • Measures to make community aware of the new plan and able to provide comment. • MM: Online tool (e.g. Conveyo) allows for interaction with a pdf document – videos, explanatory notes, etc can be linked to the pdf content for readers to explore further. Readers can leave comments and questions at specific points. Emails can be certified so that comments can be moderated for appropriateness and checking. Tool could be used to get feedback prior to community meeting to help inform presentations. • Group feedback / discussion - Group support for Conveyo-type tool to compliment other engagement actions. - DZ: Link could be sent direct to licensees - most have email addresses registered with Licensing. - Main approach should be a large face-to-face community meeting and then drill down. - Develop companion document(s) – short, ‘one-pager’ easy to read, focussing on what has changed, new management areas (consumptive pools), Poocher management zone and unbundling using examples of an unbundled licence. - Draft of WAP and companion documents / guides to go out ~ 2 weeks before the meeting.

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	- Direct consultation with industry groups - Lucerne Australia meet in September, plan something appropriate for the Onion and Potato Growers. - Potential radio interview with a SAG member (DE suggested). - Face-to-face community meeting should be held as early as possible but avoid summer holidays. - Q: Can the new WAP be implemented from 1 July 2021? A: Need to scope out remaining work and time for consultation and feedback. ACTION 20.2: Prepare draft companion documents for Group review and comment. ACTION 20.3: Plan engagement activities as discussed: community meeting, radio interview, interactive pdf platform, industry group meetings. ACTION 20.4: Update and disseminate community engagement plans for further comment.
Unbundling of licenses	Discussion on proposed unbundling structure for Tatiara Refer to presentation for details of unbundled structure, classes and transfers. • Presentation to community will be similar but with simplified wording. • PE noted need to be clear and consistent with terminology – e.g. allocation is not the same as entitlement or licence. • Presentation and discussion: - Entitlement is a right to the share of the water, does not allow licensee to take it. - Entitlement has three classes: T (tradeable), S (SPR) and D (delivery supplement). - Initial entitlements will be a direct conversion of current licenced allocation of 1kL = 1 share. - Allocation is the approval to take a volume of water, and is granted for 12 months. - The annual allocation will =100% unless an RCT or RCL has been triggered. - An allocation can be transferred to any other person. - Allocations will have similar conditions to entitlements and current licences and, where a transfer of allocation occurs, both parties are responsible for those conditions. - Water Resource Works Approval (WRWA) provides authorisation to have works to extract water up to a maximum volume. - WRWA can be for single or multiple wells. Maximum amount can be specified per well, or as an overall amount to be distributed between wells in any combination up to the maximum volume. - WRWA are permanent but WAP may need rules about when a WRWA can be cancelled. - Current arrangements will be transitioned to a WRWA, with an additional 20% volume to allow for carry-over. - An additional 16.6% seasonal variation available on application to allow for transfers. - Any increase in WRWA maximum extraction volumes would need a hydro assessment. - There are some anomalies and data issues in the database that will need to be resolved for some WRWAs.

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	- Communications should include some examples of different scenarios (e.g. current licence across two land parcels) to illustrate how the WRWA can be set up. - Site use Approval (SUA) allows water to be used in a particular manner. - SUA proposed to only be required for aquaculture, as is consistent with current WAP. TRANSITION (Unconfined) Refer to unbundling presentation for details of transition and post-transition • There will be a direct transition of licenced volumes to shares. • Holding licences currently assigned in Zone 8A will be included in the consumptive pool. • Any temporary transfers will be included in calculating the transferrer's entitlements, not the transferee's. • Carry-over will not be lost but will not be used in determining entitlements. • Where possible WRWAs will list wells as are listed on current licence. • WRWA issues to sort: licences that list wells on non-adjointing land parcels, licenses that include wells in Poocher Management Zone, where wells are not part of the same enterprise. • Group comments: - Can the licence include the licensee's percentage of the consumptive pool? This would assist understanding that a licensee owns a portion of the consumptive pool. - Need to check for licences on land that isn't owned by licensee and match cadastral boundaries to new consumptive pool boundaries. - Transition period is an opportunity to tidy up databases and licence information. - Leading message to licensees: that no licence holder will lose water and the overall volume of water across the PWA remains the same. POST TRANSITION • Entitlements and allocations are not tied to a parcel of land. Water can be taken from anywhere within a consumptive pool as long as there is a WRWA with a maximum volume allowing it. • Wells can be split onto separate WRWAs as requested by the licensee. • WRWA manages hotspots. The maximum amount of water able to be extracted will be as per current licence conditions or determined by a hydro test. For an existing listed well where a hydro test determines the current extraction volume is too high, the current value will be maintained - it will not be reduced. • Transfers – can apply to entitlements and allocations. • Entitlements may be permanent or temporary but allocations only temporary. A temporary transfer of allocation is for the water use year (12 months). An temporary entitlement could be capped at 5 years. • Allocations can be transferred to any person.

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	• Subject to RCT and RCL status, entitlements may be transferred between consumptive pools. Transfers may not occur between confined and unconfined aquifers, into the BGA zone or from the highlands to the plains (lowlands are over capacity if full entitlements used). • Note map with coloured arrows showing where trade is possible or not. • Current rules for transfers including DS and SPR have been translated directly. E.g. if T allocation for flood is transferred for spray, the associated D component will be surrendered, but can be re-applied for when T allocation is returned. • Aim is for all changes to be set-up for enacting from 1 July of the year of implementation. • Group comments - Are transfers possible between Zone 8A and Stirling-Willalooka (no arrow on map)? – same as for Wirrega transfers from 8A to Stirling-Willalooka not permitted and transfers from Stirling-Willalooka to 8A only permitted if entitlements are below border zone PAV - Be clear that transfers cannot occur where RCTs / RCLs have been triggered. - Include some headings in presentation to distinguish between transfer scenarios. - If similar rules as current WAP, licensees will not need to change their business. - Clarify carry-over. Currently applies to tradeable and DS but SPR is managed on a three-year cycle. - Need to explain the new consumptive pool boundaries on the transfers map. ACTION 20.5: Presentation on unbundled instruments to be forwarded to the Group. TASK 20.1: Group to provide feedback on the unbundling presentation and recommendations for use as a community presentations, particularly figure illustrating change from bundled to unbundled (slide 12).
Poocher	Discussion on options for review of Poocher management zone Refer to unbundling Poocher Options presentation for details • Three options proposed: 1. Risk assessment at 5 years implementing predefined management actions in a predefined area. 2. A review of Poocher to be completed at 5 years with management actions amended based on outcomes of review. 3. Establish a buffer zone with separate RCTs and RCL. • Group comments - Pre-defined management zone for options 1 and 3 could be incorrect. - Would option 2 result in fully opening WAP to review? SB: Clarification – any part of the WAP may be reviewed and amended at any time by the LCL Board, it does not require a “full opening up” of the WAP. - Could leave as is and just collect further data for 5 years. - An alternative or additional option proposed: a review is required if RCTs are triggered several years in a row.

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	- General support for Option 2. ACTION 20.6: Presentation on Poocher options to be forwarded to the Group. ACTION 20.7: Poocher review option 2 to be further developed for presentation to the Group.
Summary of Discussion – Next Steps	Next steps: • Next meeting planned 15 September 2020 5pm to 7:30pm at Keith venue TBA
Meeting Close	7:40 pm

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Action Table

Action	Tatiara WAP Stakeholder Advisory Group Actions	Status	Outcome
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 & review
1.14	Work on consumptive pools and unbundling will need to be scheduled into the groups work plan / forward agenda programme	On hold pending further advice on Landscapes Act unbundling provisions	Instruments to be used and how they would be used to be presented at next meeting
18.1	PE to put on agenda for next meeting - discussion on recreational water use sites that are also bushfire last resort refuges and allowing for a certain amount of water to be exempt from requiring an allocation.	Completed	To be removed.
18.2	PE to put on agenda for next meeting – discussion on engagement with recreational water users/ sports grounds/ schools around their requirements of water use and the rules under the WAP.	Completed	To be removed.
18.3	PE & MM to come up with a draft communications engagement action plan or group to review.	Two draft plans developed	
19.1	PE to check and amend Poocher management zone boundary w.r.t vineyard boundary if needed.	Completed	Confirm with DE
19.2	PE to investigate RCT monitoring options for Poocher.	To be progressed following advice from SA Water hydrogeologist	
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.		
20.2	Prepare draft companion documents for Group review and comment.		
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20.4	Update and disseminate community engagement plans for further comment.		
20.5	Presentation on unbundled instruments to be forwarded to the Group.		
20.6	Presentation on Poocher options to be forwarded to the Group.		
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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.	Presented at meeting 20 awaiting feedback	
18.1	Group to provide feedback and comments on management zone to protect town's water resource.	Completed	To be removed.
18.2	Group to provide comment on proposed entitlement/allocation classes	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 hydrogeologist.
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 presentations, particularly figure illustrating change from bundled to unbundled (slide 12).		