



**LAKE EYRE BASIN MINISTERIAL FORUM**  
**Community Advisory Committee**

**MEETING No. 22 Broken Hill**

**Wed 3 – Thur 4 March 2010**

## **SUMMARY OF KEY OUTCOMES**

### **2010 CAC Report to LEB Ministerial Forum**

- Key CAC recommendations to the 2010 LEBMF will focus on:
  - LEB Rivers Assessment
  - Mining and petroleum development in the LEB
  - Water resource planning and management
  - LEB Tourism.

### **LEB mining and petroleum industry**

- **Coal Seam Gas** – co-produced water: Presentation from Santos Ltd on water management for Gladstone Liquid Natural Gas (i.e. coal seam gas) east of LEB.
- **Mineral and energy exploration across the LEB:** Presentation on major mineral and energy exploration across the LEB (info from mineral and energy agencies and companies).
- **Lady Annie Mine spills Feb 2009:** Qld Gov't FOI material from Wilderness Society.

### **Recommendations**

- That a financial contribution be required from companies that open new mineral and petroleum operations in the Basin, to assist in funding the LEB Rivers Assessment
- That the LEB SAP be asked to develop protocols for response to, and prevention of, mine site water discharge incidents such as happened at Lady Annie Mine February 2009.

### **Actions**

- Watching brief on coal seam gas (CSG) in the LEB, and on company and gov't approaches to water management for CSG
- Update overview of basin-wide mineral and energy exploration at each CAC meeting.
- Second presentation on the Arckaringa Coal proposal, SA, at CAC meeting no. 23.
- Seek feedback from LEBMF on progress with previous CAC recommendations (2009) in regard to water management and the minerals/energy industry.
- CAC/SAP letter to Director General of Qld DERM seeking update on clean-up of Lady Annie Mine spill Feb 2009.

### **LEB Rivers Assessment**

- Implementation plan has been developed.
- CAC, SAP and SOG support a Strategic Adaptive Management approach, founded on involvement of all key Basin players.
- Budget/funding options will be put to LEB Ministerial Forum in April 2010.

- Investment is being sought from key Basin players (e.g. mining/petroleum industry).

### **Recommendations**

- That adequate funding and implementation of the Rivers Assessment is essential, given the growth in tourism and mining in the Basin
- Endorse the recommendations of the SAP and SOG, in particular:
  - that the Rivers Assessment include community (esp. Aboriginal) participation;
  - that all contracts for monitoring projects include a requirement for Aboriginal and other community participation.

### **LEB Aboriginal participation**

- 2009 LEB Aboriginal Forum (Birdsville) final report to be released by the LEBMF following their April 2010 meeting.
- 2011 LEB Aboriginal Forum: week of 12 September 2011, Tibooburra, NSW.
- Three Aboriginal CAC members attended and presented at 4 Indigenous NRM gatherings in past 10 months (Camooweal, Sydney, Moree and Canberra)
- Full day training session in public speaking and presentation skills (2 March 2010, Broken Hill)
- Possible future presentations at the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Indigenous Land and Sea Forum, October 2010, Broken Hill, and World Indigenous Women's Conference in Darwin, August 2010.

### **Recommendations**

- That effective Aboriginal participation in State and Territory water planning processes across the Basin be formalised and ensured .... CAC Aboriginal members offer to participate from an early stage in State and Territory water planning processes, to help ensure broader Aboriginal participation.

### **GAB/LEB Aboriginal Cultural mapping project**

- Project planning workshop convened by GABCC 4 December 2009 in Adelaide, attended by three CAC members (George Cooley, Judith Harrison, Joc Schmiechen), CAC Chair (Angus Emmott) and LEB Facilitator (Vol Norris).
- CAC supports the further development of the project proposal, commits to continued involvement, but lacks the time and resources to lead the work.

### **LEB Communications**

- Key projects underway:
  - Review, edit and reprint the LEB poster map – aim to launch at the 5<sup>th</sup> LEB Conference Sept 2010
  - New LEB logo finalised – to be submitted to LEB Ministerial Forum April 2010.
  - LEB Annual Ministers report to the community 2010 – to be distributed by the Ministerial Forum after their meeting 22 April 2010
- Key projects in the coming months:
  - LEB Aboriginal Map

- website redevelopment of [www.lebmf.gov.au](http://www.lebmf.gov.au) (including integration with [www.lakeeyrebasin.org](http://www.lakeeyrebasin.org))
- LEB Information portal – to provide access to existing databases holding LEB material.

## **LEB Heritage Tourism Report**

- Current review of 2004 LEB Heritage Tourism Report (draft report reviewed, final report to be submitted to 2010 LEB Ministerial Forum meeting) has reiterated the issues raised in the 2004 report and confirmed that the 2004 report was accurate.

### **Recommendations**

- That better coordination of managing tourism impacts across the basin remains an important need.

### **Actions**

- When the current report is finalised, the CAC will reconsider these issues and provide further advice to the MF.

## **5<sup>th</sup> LEB biennial conference – September 2010**

- 5<sup>th</sup> LEB Conference 13-15 September 2010, Alice Springs, proposed themes:
  - Main theme: ‘The Future of the Lake Eyre Basin’
  - Sub-themes: Environment, Industry, Community, Technology
  - Research Theme: ‘Futuring/Foresighting’
- Proposed session to discuss a **Strategic Adaptive Management approach** for the LEB (in particular for the LEB Rivers Assessment) and begin the adaptive direction-setting process by developing a LEB shared vision.
- Current Steering Committee priorities: contract lead facilitator and event organiser, finalise/confirm invited speakers, finalise program details and speakers’ focus questions.

### **Actions**

- Work closely with the regional NRM groups in conference planning.

### **Recommendations**

- That the fifth biennial LEB conference proceed as planned in September 2010, but that the sixth LEB conference be held in 2013, after an interval of three years instead of two, in order to place the LEB and Rangelands conferences in alternate years.