



LAKE EYRE BASIN MINISTERIAL FORUM
Community Advisory Committee

MEETING No. 2 Adelaide, SA

Thursday 4th February, 2004

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

NHT FUNDS—Timing issues

- CAC to present a brief case to the Ministerial Forum for a devolved grant scheme with flexible timing provisions, to accommodate projects that need to be timed according to unpredictable events such as drought or flood.

GEORGINA-DIAMANTINA DRAFT WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Key Issues discussed

- *Adequacy of community consultation* for the plan, particularly in South Australia. CAC consensus: consultation was adequately done.
- *'Proposals of State Significance'*: concern over definitions, approvals and consistency with precautionary approach.
- *Overland flow extraction*: concerns over definition and monitoring of such extraction.
- *Stock and domestic use*: concerns over adequacy of plan provisions to address an anticipated rise in water demand and storage for stock and domestic use.
- *Town water supply*: some concern that town supply is not limited by the plan.
- *Strategic reserve*: some question as to whether the strategic reserve of 12 GL is consistent with a precautionary approach.
- *Data quality and precautionary approach*: questions raised about the data and science underlying the plan, whether it was of sufficient quality to allow the proposed water management regime to be implemented with confidence, and whether this constitutes and appropriate precautionary approach.

Actions

- Facilitator and key members to draft a response from the CAC based on discussion at the meeting, and on comments received out of session from all members; draft to be circulated to members for comment and feedback, before finalizing as advice to the Ministerial Forum.

- In imminent newsletter articles and community information, include mention of the GD plan and actively encourage people to provide comment, either through the Qld process, or via the CAC

ABORIGINAL INVOLVEMENT AND INPUT

- Facilitator to review the following, to assist in developing a proposed approach for the CAC to maximise Aboriginal input:
 - approaches taken and progress mad by regional NRM Groups in engaging Aboriginal people in their planning
 - guides and reports produced by the Aust. Department of Environment and Heritage to assist Regional NRM bodies with Indigenous consultation (copies from Scott Parker)
 - Arid Rivers Project proposal (for material on Aboriginal Cultural values)
- At the next meeting, Facilitator to present summaries of the above, along with proposed core principles, available options, and recommendations for optimising involvement of Aboriginal people in CAC business.

WEB SITE AND NEWSLETTER

Web site

- Compile proposed/sample web content to be uploaded to the DEH Ministerial Forum/CAC web site (URL: lebmf), for review and discussion by the CAC at its next meeting. This sample content to include road map/link information to other initiatives and processes in the basin.

Newsletter

- Interim strategy: publish CAC news and information through existing newsletters and information outlets. Where possible, pursue the option of buying regular space in key newsletters and outlets. Compile samples of this material for review by the CAC at its next meeting.

HERITAGE TOURISM

- Final report, when available, to be distributed to all CAC members for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- Key discussion issue: what advice will the CAC provide to the Ministerial Forum in order to address issues of tourism development and impact in the basin.