



LAKE EYRE BASIN MINISTERIAL FORUM
Community Advisory Committee

MEETING No. 7 Innamincka
Wednesday 22nd June, 2005

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER THE LEB AGREEMENT—2006 Review of the Agreement

Key Issues discussed

- Content of the subcommittee report on achievements under the Agreement.
- Gov't intentions to draft the terms of reference for the 2006 Review of the LEB Agreement

Actions

- The draft subcommittee report on achievements in the Basin—minor changes needed to text, wording and details; further notes needed from all CAC members; more information needed in 'Future Priorities' section, including strong links to the high priority strategies under the LEB Agreement recommended by the CAC. Updated report to be presented to Ministers at October 2005 Ministerial Forum meeting.

STRATEGIES UNDER THE LEB AGREEMENT—CAC priorities

Key Issues discussed

- Urgent need to progress draft strategies under the Agreement
- Weeds and feral animal management—better cross-border coordination is a high priority.
- Water resources management across state borders—better coordination may be required between jurisdictions.

Actions/Outcomes

- Of the 29 strategies in the draft list, 17 were considered to be broad statements of principle, or already being addressed, or not urgent priorities. In the CAC's view, the remaining 12 strategies remain important, are not currently being addressed elsewhere, and can be grouped into 7 high priority strategies:
 1. Better coordination of weed and feral animal management across borders
 2. Develop communication strategy for LEB
 3. Develop principles to guide assessment of water resource development proposals
 4. Communicate Rivers Assessment outcomes to stakeholders
 5. Assess water resource management regimes across the Basin
 6. Assess the need for consistent data management systems across the Basin

7. Encourage best practice in road and engineering works to avoid streamflow changes.
- Recommended priorities to be presented to the Ministers at the 2006 Ministerial Forum meeting. Include details of high priority issues, such as the potential for weed transfer across the Qld-NT and SA-NT borders, and the compromising of cross-border feral animal control programs by political differences.
 - Compile notes on current and potential inconsistencies between existing water resources plans and regimes in the different jurisdictions of the Basin, then raise this again for future discussion.

2005 MINISTERIAL FORUM MEETING

Key Issues discussed

- Date: Friday 14th October 2005.
- Venue for meeting: probably Adelaide (originally Birdsville)
- CAC objectives for the meeting: convey to the Ministers an accurate picture of the importance of the Basin and of the LEB Agreement, and the progress that has been made under the Agreement.

Actions

- Presentations: include posters, slide show or DVD presentation to Ministers on achievements of the LEB process and the Agreement, using music and personal footage.
- CAC Chair to visit Canberra to meet Minister Campbell, discuss LEB issues and the possibility of convening the October MF meeting in Birdsville as originally planned.

LEB CAC—Meetings, committee work and advice to Ministers

Key Issues discussed

- Current frequency of CAC meetings and CAC advice to Ministers, and associated turn-around time for CAC recommendations to Ministers.
- The need for the CAC's advice to be presented as clear, firm proposals for concrete initiatives and actions, including suggestions about implementation.

Actions

- Subject to the agreement of CAC members absent:
 - convene 2 CAC meetings per year plus a further meeting to coincide with Ministerial Forum meeting and biennial conference.
 - arrange more subcommittee work between CAC meetings in order to develop and refine the CAC's advice into clear, firm proposals for concrete initiatives and actions, including suggestions for implementation.

2006 LEB Conference—and LEB Aboriginal Forum

- Conference steering committee to proceed with 2006 LEB conference arrangements as follows:
 - Location: Coober Pedy
 - Date: before or after the Coober Pedy Races in Sept/Oct 06
 - Purposes:
 - Provide an overview of the *state of our knowledge* of the Basin
 - *Success stories—Showcasing the Basin*
 - *Institutions* across the Basin—*How well are they working?*
 - Illustrate how do we *fit into the Basin* and *work together*
 - Include an overview of social, cultural and economic diversity in the Basin
 - Target a wide range of delegates, including grass-roots people, technicians, scientists, Landcare and NRM groups, Indigenous people
 - Registraton: Advertise for open registration, charge fees, offer funded registration and travel for community members, including Aboriginal people
 - **2006 LEB Aboriginal Forum:** Aboriginal Forum to be held around the same time, either immediately before/after the conference, or sufficient time beforehand to allow Aboriginal Forum outcomes to be consolidated before the main conference