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Dear Customer

**Negotiation update on Local Management Arrangements for the Eton Irrigation Scheme**

On behalf of the Eton Irrigation Transition Board I write to advise that the Board has completed the majority of the work required to facilitate local management offer being made to irrigators on the channel scheme.

We had anticipated that customers would receive an offer in the first part of this year but a number of material items identified in the due diligence process have been identified which require further negotiations with the government before proceeding.

The Eton Board remains confident that a strong proposal for local management can be made but considers that the matters raised are sufficiently important to require additional time to attempt to reach an appropriate solution with the government.

At this stage we hope to be mailing a formal offer to you around October, this year. Closer to that time we will hold an irrigator information session to discuss the offer and answer any queries you may have.

The Board remains supportive of local management and believes it is still the best option for responding to increasing water prices and the affects they have on customer viability.

I will be in touch again as soon as I have further information about the offer. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss local management please contact me on 0405 140 322 or any of the board members listed below,

Yours sincerely

Lee Blackburn  
Chair

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