
30 May, 2014

Dear Customer,

RE: HAVE YOUR SAY ON LMA – FORUMS 10 & 11 JUNE

The Bundaberg-Isis Interim Board would like to invite your comment on our proposal for SunWater's channel scheme to be owned and managed by local irrigators.

Local management cannot proceed without a strong majority of customers showing support for our business proposal to government. If a strong majority of customers do not support local management, then the assets are unlikely to be transferred.

Your interim board believes the key benefits of local management include:

- A chance to own and manage the channels with assets transferred at zero cost and a separation payment provided to ensure the scheme is financially viable
- Decisions about scheme assets, operations and channel water prices to be made locally, not in Brisbane, which will provide you with greater certainty in supporting your on-farm decisions
- A local office with locally-based staff will serve irrigation customers and co-ordinate water transfers.

We have also considered the risks of owning and managing the scheme locally and included mitigations to manage those risks in our Business Proposal.

The business proposal has been developed in close consultation with the Reference Group, which comprises representatives from customer groups and significant local stakeholders. We enclose a summary of that business proposal for your information and invite you to attend a customer forum on **Tuesday, 10 June at 1pm** at The Equestrian Arena, **Bundaberg** Recreational Precinct (entry via University Drive, opposite the airport) or on **Wednesday 11 June at 2pm** the Isis Cultural Centre, 49 Church Street, **Childers**.

In order for the Interim Board to accurately gauge customer support, we ask that you complete the enclosed form and return by email to info@lmairrigation.com.au or by mail in the enclosed reply paid envelope **by 14 June, 2014**. For the purposes of presenting the business proposal to government, we will assume those that do not respond are supportive of local management proceeding. We do, however, encourage everyone to return the form.

In the meantime if you would like further information please don't hesitate to contact me (0429 064 991) or any other of the interim board member: Jim Carney (0433 935 933), Mark Hochen (0417 266 166), Dale Holliss (0417 009 236), Peter Maidment (0427 508 958), Mark Mammino (0427 139 323).

Yours sincerely

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