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Dear Irrigation Customer

Since the 1990s various groups, including irrigators, have been calling for the local management of SunWater's eight irrigation schemes, whereby distribution irrigation assets would be transferred to new entities, owned and controlled by irrigators in the scheme.

In October 2012, a preliminary report found broad support for a robust investigation of the local management option, and in December 2012, the Queensland Government announced an investigation into whether local management could be achieved.

For the Queensland government to decide whether local management is in the best interests of irrigators and the State, it has called on irrigators within the schemes to demonstrate how they would run them as long-term viable businesses. In April advertisements were placed in newspapers to establish interim boards to undertake an investigation of the options and submit a business proposal to government in November this year.

I am pleased to advise that an Interim Board, with representatives of the Isis and Bundaberg regions, has been established to investigate the feasibility of local management for the Bundaberg irrigation channel scheme. The Interim Board met for the first time on Friday, 6 July, to discuss the preparation of the Bundaberg scheme's business plan and a schedule for consultation with all stakeholders.

The Interim Board members are:

- Mark Mammino – Childers, 0427 139 323
- Jim Carney – Childers, 0433 935 933
- Peter Maidment – Bundaberg Sugar Ltd, (07) 4154 3722
- Mark Hochen – Retired Isis Sugar Mill executive, 0417 266 166
- Dale Holliss – Bundaberg Canegrowers, 0417 009 236
- Maurie Maughan – Chair, 0429 064 991.

I invite you to contact any of the interim board members directly on the numbers above to discuss local management for the Bundaberg scheme or email us on bundaberg@lmairrigation.com.au.

When the interim board has advanced our investigation sufficiently, a meeting will be held to outline the business proposal and obtain your feedback and support. I also ask that you forward the information to other interested parties that may not be registered in this billing data base and might not be aware of our activities. Further information is also available on the web at www.lmairrigation.com.au.

Yours sincerely

Maurie Maughan
Chair, Bundaberg LMA Interim Board