



## Media Release

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### IRRIGATORS IN BUNDABERG/ISIS TO DECIDE THEIR FUTURE

Irrigators in Bundaberg/Isis will next week to decide if they support a proposal to own and manage the channel irrigation scheme, currently owned by SunWater.

The scheme is one of eight Queensland channel schemes that the government is considering for Local Management Arrangements (LMA). In June last year the Minister for Energy and Water Supply, Mr Mark McArdle, appointed chairs to interim boards in each area to investigate if the irrigation assets could be more efficiently run by irrigators.

Following the most intensive engineering due diligence of the channel assets ever conducted, the Bundaberg/Isis board will on Tuesday (10 June) and Wednesday (11 June) gauge the support of scheme customers, before submitting their business proposals for government consideration.

Chair of the Bundaberg/Isis Interim Board, Maurie Maughan, said a strong argument could be mounted for the channel scheme to be transferred to irrigator ownership and management.

“We really encourage all customers to make the time and come and talk about the Business Proposal that we have prepared for government to consider transferring the irrigation assets to irrigator ownership and management,” Mr Maughan said.

“We need to be able to satisfy government that a strong majority of irrigators support the move for our proposal to be successful.”

Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 10 June at 1pm at the Equestrian Arena, Bundaberg Recreational Precinct or on Wednesday, 11 June at 2pm at the Isis Cultural Centre, 49 Church Street, Childers.

For a summary Interim Board’s proposal and more about the LMA project go to [www.lmairrigation.com.au/bundaberg/news](http://www.lmairrigation.com.au/bundaberg/news).

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