

Eton Interim Board

November 2013

INVITATION

MEET WITH THE ETON SCHEME LOCAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT

(LMA) INTERIM BOARD
MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

7.30 PM

CWA Hall North Eton

Current progress:

- Engineering Due Diligence conducted by Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM), an engineering company, is commencing on 27th November with a draft report expected to be finalised by the end of December 2013.
- Selecting an appropriate corporate structure for the Local Management Entity (LME).
- Defining the local management entity, its operational management and customer base.
- Developing a Financial Model including a detailed review of costs: insurance, electricity, operations and maintenance.
- Reviewing the hydrological model for the Pioneer River System including reliability impacts on the scheme due to reduced storage level of the Kinchant Dam; reduced flood harvesting capacity; and weir bags being non-operational.
- SunWater staff restructure is being implemented in readiness towards LMA.
- Preparation of a Draft Business Plan to be presented to Scheme customers for comment mid February 2014, prior to submission to State Government in March 2014.

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Message from the Chair

The Interim Board is continuing to work hard investigating the feasibility of local ownership for the Eton distribution scheme.

Our aim is to establish a local management entity with a sustainable future driven by the needs of its customers. The objective of the entity will be to stimulate regional economic development through efficient and cost-reflective water delivery, distributing water and service levels that meet customer demand.

To achieve our goals we are having board meetings on a fortnightly basis as well as stakeholder meetings for input at every opportunity. This is in addition to the support from the Brisbane-based LMA Project Team, chaired by Leith Bouilly.

The LMA Project Team provides support and advice to the Interim Board in the fields of communication, business, finance, commerce, legal and regulatory matters.

The Board takes the role it has in representing water users in the Eton scheme very seriously and would encourage you all to have input into the process by coming to the meetings or contacting any of our board members.

Our next customer meeting will be on Monday the 9th of December and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Geoff Kavanagh

Key Dates:

Engineering Due Diligence - 27 & 28 November
Meeting with water users - 9 December
Draft Business Plan presented to water users - mid February, 2014.
Business Plan submitted - end March 2014.