

18 December, 2017

Dear Irrigators

RE: PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FOR LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF MAREEBA-DIMULAH CHANNEL SCHEME

I am delighted to advise that the Mareeba-Dimbulah Investigation Board has submitted its Business Proposal to government.

The government will now consider our Proposal and decide whether to proceed by making a formal offer to irrigators. If it decides to go ahead, government will appoint a new Transition Board to act on behalf of irrigators and negotiate details of the transfer.

If agreement is reached each water allocation holder will receive an offer to accept or reject. At that stage a majority of allocation holders will need to return the form for local management to go ahead.

The Investigation Board appreciates the process has been a long one and there is still a number of steps to complete. We would therefore like to express our sincerest thanks to you for remaining engaged and keeping local management alive as an option for the Mareeba-Dimbulah scheme.

The current Investigation Board, which comprises Brett Stevenson, Graham Kirkwood, Maryann Salvetti, Murray Smith and myself as Chair, will complete its term on 31 December this year and the scheme will await a decision from government.

Information will continue to be available at www.lmairrigation.com.au.

I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow Board members and, in particular the SunWater staff in the local office, for their work and assistance and wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Joe Moro

Chair

Mareeba-Dimbulah Investigation Board