

Details

Meeting: Healthy Floodplains Review Committee

Location: Teleconference

Date/time: Tuesday 6 October 2020
9.00am – 10.10am

Chairperson: [REDACTED]

Apologies

[REDACTED] Manager Licencing Healthy Floodplains Project, DPIE

Attendees

Committee:

1. [REDACTED], Independent Chair of the Healthy Floodplains Review Committee
2. [REDACTED], NSW Farmers Association representative, landholder from the Caroon area of the Liverpool Plains
3. [REDACTED], NSW Nature Conservation Council representative and landholder Mudgee
4. [REDACTED], NSW Irrigators Council representative, Local Irrigator and landholder, Moree

DPIE – Water Healthy Floodplains:

5. [REDACTED] - Director Healthy Floodplains
6. [REDACTED], Senior Project Officer, DPIE
7. [REDACTED], Senior Project Officer, DPIE
8. [REDACTED], Project Officer, DPIE (minutes)

Natural Resources Access Regulator:

9. [REDACTED] – Manager Floodplain Harvesting

This meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible	Date due
1	Welcome	Meeting open	Chair	
2	<p>█ explained the recent regulation disallowance motion in the upper house and reinforced the project commitments.</p>	<p>The aim of the regulation was to provide a pathway under the current <i>Water Management Act 2000</i> for historic legitimate floodplain harvesting established on previous <i>Water Act 1912</i>.</p> <p>The aim of the regulation was to bridge the gap until the new floodplain licencing framework was in place.</p> <p>NRAR has regulatory discretion between now and when the floodplain harvesting licences and regulation are in established.</p> <p>This highlights the importance of the governments commitment to having floodplain licencing and regulation in the northern basin in place by 1 July 2021.</p> <p>Noted.</p>		

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3	New process for reviewing eligible work submissions for the Macquarie and Namoi valleys to cater for the harvest period impact.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submissions will be assessed by NRAR using the established methodology ie. cross checking with NRAR database, reviewing evidence provided against policy, documenting results in the submission review template and checking by senior staff. 2. Where there is strong evidence verified, NRAR will prepare letters on determinations. 3. Each Thursday the department will email each submission template and a summary table to the committee. 4. The committee has 7 days to review the information and raise any objections or request NRAR clarification. Any communication will be cc'd and / or communicated to all committee members. 5. The 7- day period for committee comment will close on each Wednesday COB. 6. The department will then issue the draft entitlement letters to the landholder on behalf of the committee. 7. Out of session appointments will be set each Wednesday to allow committee members to receive papers and allow for payment of sitting fees. 		
4	Other business	██████ requested information for the next meeting to understand the relationship between each valley model.	██████	13 October 2020
5	Meeting close	10.10am	Chair	

Meeting closed

10.10 am

Next meeting

13 October 2020 (teleconference)