

Joint Private Works Scheme Stakeholder Advisory Panel – Meeting 1

Held on: 6/10/2022 – 11am to 12pm

At: Online

Chaired by: Chen Chou – Director Water Group, Performance Division

Attended

Tony Hickey – Anabran Private Water Supply & Irrigation	Margaret Garnsey – Combined Water Bore Water Trust	Jon Hocking – WaterNSW
Rodney Stubbs – Chair, Anna Bay Drainage Union	James Bisset – Operations Manager, Hay Irrigation District	Amanda Chadwick – Executive Director Performance, Department of Planning and Environment
Brad – Anna Bay Drainage Union	Martin McKinney – Narromine Irrigation Board of Management	Chen Chou - Director Water Group, Department of Planning and Environment
Sonya Marshall – Artesian Bore Water Users Association Inc.	Khari Turnbull – Nidgerly Weir Water Trust	Elizabeth Cala – Manager Regulatory Water Implementation, Department of Planning and Environment
Tony Hall – Chairman, Artesian Bore Water Trust	Janet Baylis – Secretary, Artesian Bore Water Trust	Neeraj Maini – Principal Policy Officer, Department of Planning and Environment
Darryl Bartelen - Artesian Bore Water Trust	Joanne Iva – Secretary, Tweed Drainage Council	Susan Pucci – Principal Water Policy Officer, Department of Planning and Environment
Geoff Manchee - Artesian Bore Water Trust	Malcolm Warren – Tweed Drainage Council	Kate McPherson - Senior Policy Officer - Department of Planning and Environment
Peter Gall - Artesian Bore Water Trust	Robert Quirk – Tweed Drainage Council	Luke Baker – Water Resource Officer, Department of Planning and Environment
David Cameron – Artesian Bore Water Trust	Susan Dillon – Deputy Director Strategy, Department of Regional NSW	Lucy Peters – Water Resource Officer, Department of Planning and Environment

Apologies

Brian Hannigan – Combined Water Bore Water Trust

Catherine Stokes – Manager Regulatory Policy, Natural Resources Access Regulator

Jai Clarke – Addisons Lawyers

Jan Gill – Senior Water Policy Officer, Department of Planning and Environment

Mick Mitchell – Tweed Drainage Council

Declarations of interest

Nil

Agenda item discussion and actions

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1.	Acknowledgement of country <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair acknowledged that we are meeting on Aboriginal land and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.
2	Welcome, introduction and apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair welcomed attendees. Attendees introduced themselves, where they were from and what their role was.

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3	<p>Project scope and timelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the Stakeholder Advisory Panel (Panel) is to discuss the implementation of the <i>Water Management Amendment Act 2010</i> (2010 Amendment) for Joint Private Works Schemes and provide opportunity for Panel members to provide insight that will assist with the development of the regulation and rules. The project will be divided into two stages: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regulations – The matters for regulations are prescribed in the 2010 Amendment and will be discussed in more detail in the second meeting (November 2022). Draft regulations are to be provided for review by the Panel ahead of the November 2022 meeting. A two-week consultation period is planned for the draft regulations. Model Rules – The model rules must comply with the regulations and will allow schemes to operate with more flexibility. To be discussed in the third meeting (December 2022). Most consultation and engagement with the Panel to ideally be complete by December 2022. It is noted the NSW State election in March 2023 may limit consultation whilst the department is in caretaker mode in 2023. No issues were raised by the attending Panel members to the proposed mid-November and December meetings. The purpose of the Panel is to discuss the 2010 Amendments however, the department will consider, and assist with, other queries and concerns raised by the Panel, for example dealing with government red tape, particularly as some schemes have small budgets.
4	<p>Terms of Reference (TOR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The department will publish meeting agendas, minutes and other materials circulated to the Panel on its website. Confidential information will not be shared. Panel members can request that certain information is not shared. Draft meeting notes will be circulated to the Panel by the department prior to being published on the department's website.
5	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel members can raise separate issues with the department for a one-on-one discussion. The department is open to discussing matters one-on-one however, it may be beneficial for everyone if matters are discussed with the whole Panel. It was noted that the department can facilitate connections with funding programs in relation to the Commonwealth off farm efficiency program. The department has received a request from Northern Bore Water Trust in relation to the definition of stock and domestic water use and is working on a response.

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6	<p data-bbox="290 338 1497 403">Next scheduled meetings</p> <ul data-bbox="290 403 1497 730" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="290 403 1497 537">• Next meeting to be held in November with a subsequent meeting in mid-December. These meetings will be held online. The department to send out placeholder calendar invites.<li data-bbox="290 537 1497 730">• It was noted that given the location of the Panel members that it may be difficult to have meetings in person. Potentially smaller in-person meetings between department staff and schemes would be more practical.

Other comments

N/A

Upcoming meetings

- 10 November 2022, 11am – 12:30pm (Online)
- 15 December 2022, 11am – 12:30pm (Online)