FIRST ROUND CONSULTATION – ISSUES ARISING

[This note records issues identified, and views expressed, by stakeholders present at the meeting. The Authority is yet to form any opinion on them. As appropriate, issues will be addressed in proposed Issues Papers and in the Authority's reports].

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Process Issues

- more notice of meetings required;
- assistance with submissions required.

Technical Issues

- cost allocation: capital costs to be allocated to different users, in particular to high reliability users (power stations and townships), medium reliability users, etc and allocation of costs to incidental uses such as recreation;
- rate of return: basis for establishing a rate of return and whether a rate of return should be applied at all questioned;
- capacity to pay: difficult to define and measure given that irrigators vary in size and in what they produce; and
- form of regulation: clarification required of implications and impact on scheme of price cap versus revenue cap.

Scheme Specific Issues

- conversion of medium reliability water to high reliability water and associated conversion factors required; and
- boundary issues in terms of benefited and non-benefited areas from dams and how these need to be determined.