

## **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].

**Scheme:** Maranoa River Water Supply Scheme (Neil Turner Weir)

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### **Technical Issues**

- Previously had an approximate 50/50 split between Part A and Part B. Now exclusively a Part A charge.
- Uncertain as to how the \$40 per/ML (approximately) is calculated and what costs being incurred by SunWater (such as those associated with maintaining service standards).
- Because the charge of approximately \$40 per/ML is characterised by poor reliability, SunWater appears to be paying too much for maintenance.

### **Scheme Specific Issues**

- Scheme built in 1990 with original design placing weir approximately 40km upstream of current position. As a consequence of positioning weir at current position (i.e. at quite a wide point in river), severe silting has occurred.
- Major inflow events (such as the 1991 flood and the major inflow events earlier this year) can promote the process of silting.
- This silting has severely compromised the take of allocation from the weir. As an example, silting has effectively diverted the major water flow away from the left bank where there has been a history of pumping directly from the weir for irrigation.
- Silting continues to compromise pumping sites with significant additional costs being incurred when pump sites need to be repositioned further away from agricultural production.
- Significant camping/picnic ground adjacent to weir providing benefits to locals and visitors.