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SUBMISSION/RESPONSE TO QCA REQUEST OF 8 March 2013

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**From:** Van Beusichem Audrey  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 March 2013 1:09 PM  
**To:** Angus MacDonald  
**Cc:** Sanders Paul; Hinrichsen Lyall  
**Subject:** RE: More Specific Central Lockyer Valley WSS Timelines

Hi Angus

I apologise for the lack of clarity. The department propose to have volumetric IWA (not tradable water allocations) in place by June 2017.

Kind Regards

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**From:** Angus MacDonald  
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Audrey

I appreciate your response, thank you.

However, on the timelines, simply reiterating that DNRM will achieve individual nominal IWAs “by 2017” remains somewhat unclear. We have twice requested clarification in response to those words.

As we read it, “by 2017” can mean 31 December 2016 (or earlier), 1 January 2017 or 31 December 2017 or anywhere in between, spanning two financial years.

I appreciate it may be difficult to establish exact timelines, however, the Water Act timelines are relatively clear and I understand you have been able to do so for other schemes.

Accordingly, we are seeking a greater degree of timing-precision from DNRM for the following reasons:

1. this is an important issue to irrigation stakeholders and underpins local agricultural becoming a pillar of that economy;
2. there is history of DNRM not delivering on this issue;
3. the timing of the QCA's recommended application of the Part A charge hinges on the issuance of individual nominal volumes; and
4. Treasury's CSO calculations rely upon DNRM providing a date to facilitate (2) above.

I ask that DNRM please specify the date (not year) that it intends to issue:

- individual nominal IWA (e.g. by 30 June 2016 – 3 years from commencement of the new price path); and
- individual (permanently tradeable) water allocations (e.g. 30 June 2017 – 4 years from commencement of the new price path).

Please confirm that these dates are correct or provide DNRM's proposed dates for each of these critical milestones.

Yours sincerely

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