

THIRD 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 these issues and views. As appropriate, issues will be addressed in the Authority's reports].

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Pricing Framework

Tariff Structures

- When water availability is low, irrigators cannot use their water and are disadvantaged by the proposed change in tariff structure (that is, relatively higher Part A charges paid on water allocation).
- The Part A should be charged only when water is available.
- The accompanying low Part B tariff will discourage water use efficiency.
- It was noted that irrigators that use their water will benefit from a change in tariff structure and the price signal will encourage water use.

Renewals Expenditure

- Irrigators noted that they also have a responsibility to actively engage with SunWater, as well as SunWater needing to consult with customers. They emphasised that it requires good will and participation from all parties – not just SunWater.

Operating Expenditure

Labour, Material and Contractor Costs

- The boundaries of the scheme were questioned in relation to the terms of billing direct costs (to the service contract).
- A question was asked as to what operational activities are undertaken in the scheme and whether this is efficient.

Water Use

- Irrigators have experienced very low water use in the past few years.

- Surface water is often unavailable and is available less than groundwater.
- Some irrigators are not able to access their water due to SunWater ROL requirements.

Other

- Questions raised as to :
 - Is Cania Dam a recharge dam?
 - Will medium priority water have to be changed to high priority due to the ROP process?