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DEAR MEMBER,  
AS ADDRESSED.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28th APRIL 1998  
AT T.A.F.E. COLLEGE IN THE SEMINAR ROOM, CHAPEL ST. BENDIGO ENTRANCE, at 8 p.m.

**BUSINESS:**

- (1) OPEN & WELCOME.
- (2) APOLOGIES.
- (3) MINUTES JANUARY MEETING.
- (4) OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE.
- (5) INWARD CORRESPONDENCE.
- (6) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
- (7) FINANCIAL REPORT.
- (8) OTHER REPORTS.
- (9) GENERAL BUSINESS.
- (10) CLOSE.

*Kath Read*

GENERAL MEETING OF THE COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE HELD 27/1/98  
AT T.A.F.E.COLLEGE.

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PRESENT:

Messrs. M. Browne(in chair), K. Read, H. Lourie, J. Scott and secretary Kath Read.

APOLOGIES:

Messrs M. Pitson, G. Hoppe, B. Mannes, I. Reid & Miss W. Barry.

Moved J. Scott sec. H. Lourie Apologies be received. Crd.

MINUTES:

Moved K. Read sec. J. Scott Minutes as circulated be confirmed. Crd.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Minister P. McNamara.

Letter from I. Reid.

Letter from R. Best.

Moved H. Lourie sec. J. Scott Inward Correspondence be received. Crd.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tried to contact I. Reid re sub-committee meeting but was unsuccessful.

Tried to contact G. Turner on a number of occasions but he had not returned his calls. Hopes to contact him in the next week re Coliban & rural application.

B. Mannes - Liason Cttee- through President- reported Coliban currently considering water entitlements or water licences, being valid for 15 year period, tradeable within the system. They would try to prevent transferrability outside system.

B. Mannes, S. Lottkowitz with 3 others were on the water pricing committee.

Liason Group to tour channels marked for closure.

Moved J. Scott sec. K. Read President's Report be received. Crd.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sandhurst Trustees \$777 - 07

Bank of Melbourne \$674 - 36

Petty cash o/drawn \$ 1 - 02

Moved H. Lourie sec. J. Scott Financial report be accepted and \$50 be within for Petty cash. Crd.

OTHER REPORTS:

K. Read reported on B.W.E. meetings. One meeting since our last C.W.I.C. meeting.

Awaiting report by sub-committee re study of environmental flow. The delay in preparing report meant group did not meet until December. Sub. Cttee recommended that release below Waranga/West channel be reduced from 70 mgl/day to 35 mgl/day if Lake Eppalock was holding less than 200 Gls. (stream inflows below Lk. Epp. would be additional to the above figures). Although the majority of the group was prepared

to accept this recommendation, myself and one other member felt that this allocation was overgenerous. I proposed that another model be prepared which show the effect of reducing the environmental flow at that point from 70mg/d to 35 mg/d whenever Lake Eppalock fell below 250 Gls. This report still not received. Next meeting called for 23rd Feb.

Secretary reported she had numerous phone calls to the Ministers before a response was received re the deputation.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Letter from I. Reid with his resignation from C.W.I.C. Secretary to write to Ian thanking him for his input and dedication to the Committee and informing him that as his membership is still valid until the end of the financial year, minutes will still be sent to him and still regard him as a member. His offer of a venue for meetings and the hospitality was accepted. Moved K. Read sec. J. Scott. Crd.  
 Moved K. Read sec. J. Scott secretary write to Coliban Water asking "what is the cost of additional water allocations to any approved rural user in the Coliban System? . How much water has been purchased? " Crd.

More information is required re liason group.

If C.W.I.C. are to offer comments we need to know what they are discussing.

MEETING CLOSED 9.35 p.m.