

MRS. K. A. READ,
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DEAR MEMBER
AS ADDRESSED,

The next meeting of the above Committee will be held on Tuesday 23rd November 1993
at 8.00p.m. in the T.A.F.E. College (east side of Chapel St.).

BUSINESS:

- (1) OPEN MEETING & WELCOME.
- (2) APOLOGIES.
- (3) MINUTES OF MEETING 28/9/93 *noted by Ken Read.*
- (4) OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE: *re cost of once only service requesting less charge*
 - (1) Letter to C.R.W.A. (copy to Hon. G. Coleman). *for one or two water*
- (5) INWARD CORRESPONDENCE. *Supplies. Should be more for more slaps*
 - (1) Letter from C.R.W.A. *+ greater no of supply requests*
 - (2) Letter from W. Hanson.
- (6) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
- (7) FINANCIAL REPORT.
- (8) OTHER REPORTS.
- (9) GENERAL BUSINESS.
 - (a) Urban system.
 - (b) Rural System.
- (10) CLOSE.

*1 Read - reply to W.C. regarding 1986 Rural Study re
guaranteed supply of water to area + importance
to industry + rural industry.*

Kath Read

KATH READ,
SECRETARY C.W.I.C.

*Conservation Strategy - concern at some theories being
expounded which in repetition tend to be quoted as fact even tho these are incorrect-*

*Bal 1809.06 incl 15.48
Aff 15
Ex \$125 Bal 1714.54
PC 45.57 - 9.95. Bal 3162
K Read. on 2020 Strategy \$30 each.*

Affiliation fees of due Pd \$15.

*Board Member - W.C. 30/11/93 - Ken Read (on behalf D. Harrison expressed interest
in nominating. C.W.I.C would endorse
Coleman deputiation - no reply to submission - better request reply (Merch)*

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE HELD
28/9/93 AT T.A.F.E. COLLEGE.

PRESENT:

Cr. D. Harrison (in chair), Messrs H. Lourie, I. Reid, K. Read, J. Scott, M. Browne, B. Vardy, M. Pitson, Mrs. K. Read.

At the commencement of the meeting a video on Water uses, loaned by the Coliban Region Water Authority was shown to members.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. C. Kurz. Moved M. Browne apologies be accepted.

MINUTES:

Moved M. Pitson sec. K. Read minutes as circulated be confirmed. Crd.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to L.C.R.P.A. re 20/20 Study - copies sent to 5 Councils.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Metcalfe Shire re affiliation.

C.R.W.A. re Vision of Reform of Vic. Water document.

Secretary had replied to Metcalfe. Moved J. Scott sec. I. Reid letter to Metcalfe Shire be endorsed. Crd.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

D. Harrison commented that there was a need to do something about water issues and welcomed the notice of motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bank Balance: \$1809 -06

Petty Cash: \$ 45 - 57

Moved K. Read sec. H. Lourie financial report be received. Crd.

REPORTS:

Ken Read re invitation to view Water video. He expressed concern on message in contents.

Secretary reported that no reply had as yet been received from G. Coleman. J. Scott reported he was C.E.P.A. representative.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

K. Read spoke on motion that Committee should interest themselves with anything that the C.R.W.A. becomes involved in. Committee is therefore free to comment on. Broader charter for changing circumstances. Sec. B. Vardy. I. Reid said it was an excellent motion and to add to the motion 'and the consumers within the system'. All agreed. Crd.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Moved I. Reid sec. M. Browne that the special motion moved and adopted at this meeting be circulated to all members and also that a copy of the "Vision of Reform" leaflet be distributed to members. Crd.

Moved K. Read sec. M. Pitson that we contact C.R.W.A. expressing the serious concern of the level of service charge - 9% increase. Crd.

Moved I. Reid sec. M. Browne that this Committee formulate a response to the Issues paper of the Bendigo Region Conservation Strategy. D. Harrison in consultation with the secretary to formulate the response. Crd.

Meeting closed 9.45 p.m.

SPECIAL MOTION:

Priority
 TO DO THAT THE COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE, WHILE CONTINUING TO GIVE COMMENTING ON, LOBBYING OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTIONS DEEMED ADVISABLE FROM TIME TO TIME, ON MATTERS WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE CHARTER OF THE COLIBAN REGION WATER AUTHORITY AND THE CONSUMERS WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

MOVED KEN READ SEC. B. VARDY and CARRIED.



Our Reference: 4554/00
2759/93

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4 November 1993

Mrs K A Read
Secretary
Coliban Water Investigation Committee
GOORNONG 3557

Dear Mrs Read

RE: SERVICE FEE AND CONSUMPTION CHARGES RURAL CUSTOMERS

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 October 1993 outlining certain issues in respect of rural water pricing.

In considering the rural water services of Coliban Water it is worth noting that for the 1992/93 financial year that segment of the business returned a nett loss of just over \$1.3 million.

To further put that in perspective I believe full costs are not yet being levied on that part of the business.

For example it is a major cash deficit area of the business yet is not being attributed any notional overdraft interest charges; it is not picking up a share of the financing costs which were attributable to the \$20 million of debt inherited from the RWC; not carrying any of the cost of financing the \$258000 of capital applied to works benefiting the rural system in 1992/93 or even a share of Upper Coliban Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation (not raising) of which the rural system is a beneficiary.

In short, the rural system is not yet being levied full costs.

Revenue in 1992/93 was down considerably on that budgeted because of the season, but this was not the basis for again increasing the charges in the current year.

So while it is apparent that no rural water customer is paying anywhere near the cost of providing the service to their property, I agree there is merit in your view that service charges could more closely reflect the cost of providing differing levels of service as agreed with customers.

It is most likely that a reform strategy for the rural system customers will be developed in the next six months or so and I am sure relevant public consultation will occur.

Yours sincerely

MICK BOURKE
General Manager