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DEAR MEMBER,
AS ADDRESSED.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd JULY AT 7-30 p.m.
at T.A.F.E. COLLEGE IN THE SEMINAR ROOM CHAPEL ST ENTRANCE.

NOTE THE EARLY START AS MR BOB CAMERON HAS AGREED TO ATTEND MEETING AT 8 O'CLOCK
TO SPEAK WITH MEMBERS.

BUSINESS:

- (1) OPEN AND WELCOME
- (2) APOLOGIES.
- (3) MINUTES MAY MEETING (28th)
- (4) OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE - to B. Cameron.
- (5) INWARD CORRESPONDENCE.
- (6) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
- (7) FINANCIAL REPORT \$460.80
- (8) OTHER REPORTS.
- (9) GENERAL BUSINESS. URBAN & RURAL
- (10) CLOSE.

*Privatisation to Sorce.
limited ten licences for authorities
eg. Coliban - Authority - up for tender
to overseas etc.
Fees -
Management authorities on rivers.
Power to raise funds thro' Council up to \$
per assessment.*

*Sec - 138
Bal 322.00.*

*Ken Read - Bulk Water Compense, entitlements.
for authorities on river.*

ANNUAL MEETING.

BUSINESS:

- (1) OPEN AND WELCOME.
- (2) APOLOGIES.
- (3) MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING.
- (4) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
- (5) FINANCIAL REPORT & AUDITORS REPORT.
- (6) SETTING AFFILIATION FEES FOR 1997/98
- (7) SECRETARY'S HONORARIUM.
- (8) CLOSE.

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MINUTES OF THE COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE HELD 28th MAY '96 AT T.A.F.E.

COLLEGE BENDIGO.

PRESENT:

Messrs M. Browne (in chair), K. Read, I. Reid, C. Roberts, J. Balsillie, J. Scott, D. Harrison, M. Pitson, D. McClure, H. Lourie, P. Vernon, Secretary Mrs. K. Read.

APOLOGIES:

Messrs. J. Van Heuman, B. Mannes.

Moved M. Pitson sec J. Scott Apologies be received.

Crd.

MINUTES:

Moved J. Balsillie sec. D. Harrison Minutes as circulated be confirmed.

Crd.

MOVED D. Harrison sec. H. Lourie that Standing Orders be suspended to hear from Mr. G.

McKern and Mr. R. Smyth from Coliban Region Water Authority.

Crd.

CHAIRMAN introduced Mr. McKern Chairman of Coliban Water and Mr. Smyth Operations Manager of Coliban Water.

In a brief address Mr. McKern spoke of the reduction in employee numbers of Coliban staff from 285 to 130 less approximately a further 30 which will follow the alliance between Coliban Water and Serco. He later spoke of future changes to Coliban Water which would lead to the appointment of a consultative committee of 7-8 people, and revealed that that committee would include some of the rural system clients.

Questions followed from Committee members including a problem with estimates of usage following faulty meters.

High cost of administration to rural users of \$170-\$180 p.a., in many cases of a simple annual delivery.

Inflexible jurisdiction of water allocation transfers which will lead to the closing of some channels. An apparent preferential treatment for rural users south of Bendigo and/or those on the Eppalock rising main.

The potential low pressure piping to replace channels.

The interest of Perserverance Mining in an assured supply off the Ellesmere Channel.

The provision of 2 x 50 m.m. outlets where one 80 m.m. outlet would give greater hydraulic efficiency and save the client the \$20 per annum multiple outlet charge.

Failure to differentiate between rural users who receive a regular supply throughout the season and those who receive only one delivery of water.

The failure to notify clients that the water deliveries were being discontinued before the end of the announced delivery period.

Does the Urban Bendigo water supply meet W.H.S.?

Bendigo, Castlemaine and Kyneton were not up to W.H.S.

Some questions could not be answered, by either Mr. McKern or Mr. Smyth but in these cases they would be investigated and a reply forwarded.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance and input and Mr. McKern and Mr. Symth departed.

Moved K. Read sec. D. Harrison Standing Orders be resumed.

Crd.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Letter to M. Bourke re Consultant's Report & Issues paper.

(2) Letter to G. McKern re adjoining outlets.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Reply from M. Bourke Re above

Reply from G. McKern re above.

Moved D. Harrison sec. H. Lourie Outward Correspondence be endorsed and Inward Correspondence be received.

Crd.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Referred to discussions with B. Mannes that Catchment and Land Protection Board has been set up and is interested to hear from people with ideas. There is also a River Management Authority being established which will have responsibility for the Campaspe and Loddon Rivers and Bendigo Creek.

Moved H. Lourie sec. D. Harrison Chairman's Report be received.

Crd.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bank Balance - Bank of Melbourne \$322 - 00

Sandhurst Trustees \$1026-88

Petty Cash 6-72

1050.98
- .72

\$1060.26
86 6.72 R. 47.02

Moved H. Lourie sec. C. Roberts Financial Report be received and \$50 be withdrawn for Petty Cash.

Crd.

OTHER REPORTS:

J. Scott .. V. Gaudian (Hazeldenes) interested, will be in touch with Secretary.

.. Will be in touch with John Van Heuman re Maiden Gully Water Users.

I. Reid ..Harcourt Fruitgrowers not interested in becoming financial members.

Moved J. Scott sec. M.Pitson Reports be received

Crd.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Moved D. Harrison sec. J. Scott we invite Bob Cameron to next meeting to hear his partie's policies on water matters.

Crd.

URBAN: I. Reid questioned meter readings and rumours of treatment plant problems/Epsom.

C. Roberts - Perserverance will consider paying something towards channel to receive an assured supply and would keep committee informed on any future developments.

Meeting closed 10-40 p.m.