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DEAR MEMBER,
AS ADDRESSED.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
AT 8 p.m. AT T.A.F.E. COLLEGE IN THE SEMINAR ROOM , CHAPEL ST. ENTRANCE.

BUSINESS:

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

— pipeline proposal wth of Huntly

*Said to be no policy on preferred channels
but Ashby has been making decisions.*

Survey of efficient channels.

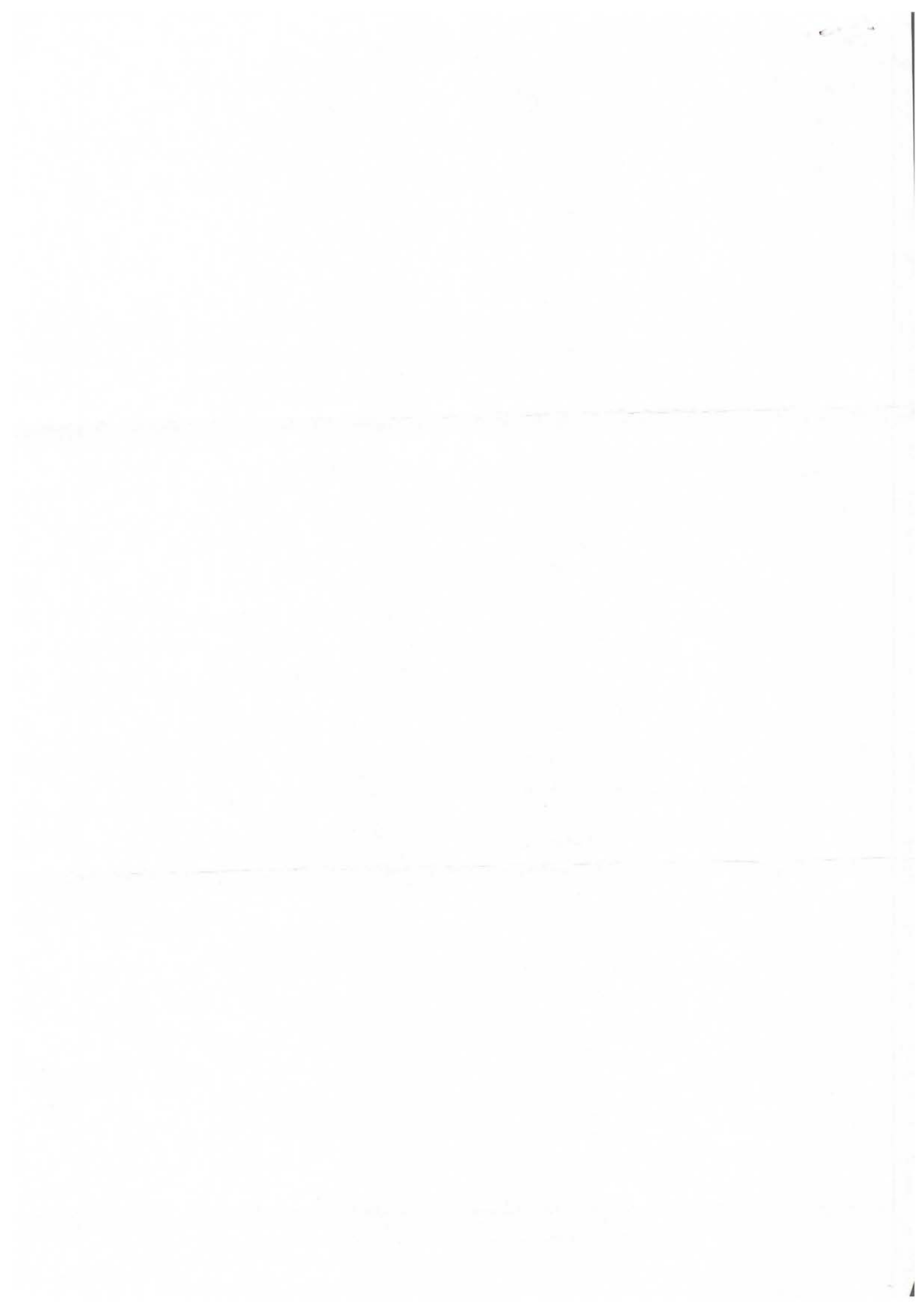
Ken Read - Conserve Intermittent Committee -

Possibly share of inflow capacities rather than allocations

Environmental report for flow Kath Read not yet printed.

*93.75
375.00*

25% of Eppalock if at 200 Mgal/day
KATH READ.



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE HELD

23/7/96 AT T.A.F.E. COLLEGE AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. M. Browne (in chair), K. Read, M. Pitson, D. Harrison, J. Van Heuman, J. Scott, I. Reid, H. Lourie, J. Balsillie, B. Mannes, N. Draffin, & Secretary

MINUTES:

Moved I. Reid sec. M. Pitson that Minutes as circulated be received. Crd.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Bob Cameron inviting him to the meeting.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from G. McKern re replies to questions at last meeting.

Moved D. Harrison sec. K. Read Outward Correspondence be endorsed and

Inward Correspondence be received.

Crd.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sandhurst Trustees \$ 1060 - 26

Bank of Melbourne \$ 274 - 41

Petty Cash \$ 47 -02

Moved J. Balsillie sec. H. Lourie Financial Report be received. Crd.

MR. BOB CAMERON M.P. arrived at this time.

Moved D. Harrison sec. J. Balsillie standing orders be suspended.

Mr. Cameron referred to limited term licence of C.R.W.A., the uncertainty regarding whether this licence would be renewed. The option was open to allow an outside body to take over the present Board's responsibilities.

He noted that although Coliban Water operated a substantial profit, none of this was used to lower costs to the consumers.

He also referred to the fact that Bendigo's water as well as a number of other small towns supplied by Coliban Water was not up to W.H.S.

His final comment was on the development of River Management Authorities which had been given the power to levy rates, which may become an added burden on the community.

MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS.

I. Reid - that C.R.W.A. surplus was used to fund capital works, which ensured that small communities enjoyed better water services.

J. Balsillie - re quality of water that had been raised with G. McKern and also to upgrade Bendigo water to W.H.S. cost \$70M.

Re this cost I.R. suggested that his investigations revealed that an adequate system could be installed at each residence for far less than \$70M.

D. Harrison - suggested there should be a return to the previous system whereby funds were provided by Treasury at low rates of interest for water supply schemes.

K. Read - asked what was A.L.P.'s current policy on privatization or corporatization of water supply authorities? Mr. Cameron indicated that he considered water supplies should remain under the control of State Govt.

In answer to a comment regarding water losses and fouling of water our guest said he had heard that it would cost approx. \$70M to pipe the water from Malmsbury.

Mr. Cameron was thanked for his attendance by the Chairman and then departed.

Moved D. Harrison sec. H.Lourie standing orders be resumed.

Crd.

REPORTS:

K.Read - Campaspe River Bulk Entitlement Study under way which would decide on the allocations of water to Authorities which distributed water from the Campaspe and Coliban streams. This study has just commenced and a number of consumer representatives helped make up the project team. It would NOT be deciding on the break -

down of Coliban Region Water Authorities allocation between urban and rural users.

M. Browne - A low pressure water supply scheme was put to Sandy Creek members by C.R.W.A. Members would be contacted later for more information on the scheme.

Moved I Reid sec. J. Scott the Committee write to the Minister seeking clarification of the procedures for adoption of the Campaspe Bulk Water Entitlement Committee

findings. The Committee requests that the Minister ensures that there be an

opportunity for Community response to the findings of the Committee.

Crd.

Moved J. Balsillie sec. J. Scott that all Reports be received.

Crd.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Moved J. Scott sec. I. Reid " that C.W.I.C. not pursue at present the differentiation between one delivery and multiple delivery charges as this may lead to loss of smaller users and ultimate higher charges to those remaining.Crd 3 to 4.

Meeting closed 10 p.m.