

Meeting of C.W.I.C. held 16th August at T.A.F.E.

PRESENT:

M. Browne (in chair), D. Harrison, K. Read, B. Mannes, with Secretary K. Read.

APOLOGIES:

H. Lourie, J. Scott I. Reid. Moved D. Harrison sec. K. Read apologies be accepted. A matter of urgency re the account at Sandhurst Trustees was discussed. All transactions allowable in cheque form only. Secretary to check out other banks and take action.

PAGE 1:

Realm... While we accept that computer modelling has a role to play in this type of study, we question the accuracy of the conclusions, given the almost unbelievable variations in the conclusions between the 1986 and 1995 studies.

PAGE 2:

COAG and Murray Darling Basin Ministerial Council.
These political decisions place the Coliban System in a strait jacket and should be flexible to cater for community needs.

PAGE 11:

There is a necessity to recognize the social interaction and dependence on each other of the users of the rural and urban water supplies.

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While level 3 and level 6 restrictions are mentioned there appears no explanation of what these amount to.

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Can the "feedback" from the Community be detailed, because we have not found anyone who participated in this process.?

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YIELDS How can we rely on computer modelling figures over a period of 8-9 years that can produce such entirely different results? It indicated to the lay person that information fed into the computer is varied to produce a pre-ordained result.

4.3 second paragraph: Explain in detail "The REALM yield estimates represent average annual demand increases throughout a 100 year period which may differ from earlier definitions of yield"., particularly "demand increases".
Estimated yields to decline by such a huge percentage indicates that one or

more buttons on the computer were pressed incorrectly.

OPTION 2:

Same Query as above.

Page 20-22 Option 6:

While there is no dispute with Coliban Water utilizing its full existing entitlement from Lake Eppalock, the costs per Mgl involved needs careful consideration. Furthermore any presumption that Coliban Water could or should acquire additional water from Lake Eppalock, or special conditions re carry-over require wide ranging and open discussions and debate with all others concerned.

PAGE 23 OPTION 7:

Because of unjustified assumptions regarding water yield from Lake Eppalock, without increasing the size of Lake Eppalock this option should not be given further consideration.

PAGE 27 OPTION 11:

The principle of reuse of water especially reuse of wastewater from Bendigo is commendable. Further studies should be undertaken to ensure its practicability.

PAGE 30 OPTION 4.4 TRADING:

To ensure the viability of existing channels Coliban Water should require the first option on purchase of such transfers be given to entitlement holders on that channel. Furthermore the service charge and mgl. charge should be varied to more closely represent the costs incurred. As far as COAG is concerned, Victoria should remember it is a Sovereign State, and revert to making decisions in the best and lasting interests of its own community.

PAGE 32 FIRST PARA.:

Statement is totally unclear to ordinary readers - needs clarification.