

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MURRAY IRRIGATORS INCORPORATED

Minutes of the Committee Meeting No. 13 held at the Swan Reach Hotel on Tuesday 9th July, 2002 commencing at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT

A. Roe (Chairman), Ted Woods, Locky Gosse, Graham Smart, Sam Newell, M. Vegter (E.O.).

By Invitation: Peter Hoey, Megan Dyson (Department Land Water Biodiversity Conservation).

APOLOGIES

Ian Zadow, Rod Ralph, Rob Smyth.

BUSINESS

RIVER MURRAY BILL

Peter Hoey and Megan Dyson discussed the proposed River Murray Bill. This Bill is proposed to be introduced into Parliament before Christmas 2002. There is a definite ecologically sustainable thrust to the legislation, amending many existing Acts to give the Government more powers in relation to irrigation practices, planning, pollution, and other matters. Submissions will be called for from the Community in relation to this Bill.

S.A. SALINITY STRATEGY

Peter Hoey discussed the S.A. Salinity Strategy issue and cap on irrigation levies, and water trade within S.A. and interstate. The volume of trade that has occurred was not envisaged. Even though there has been a 30% increase in irrigated area in S.A., this has been achieved with a 10% increase in water use.

Peter Hoey and Megan Dyson left the meeting.

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- (1) Delegates - It was AGREED to add Locky Gosse to Proxy Delegates.
- (2) Discussion regarding dates and times for Irrigators A.G.M. in Adelaide. Dates have not been fixed by Irrigators Inc.

RICEGROWERS ANNUAL MEETING - RENMARK

Discussion regarding S.A.M.I. subsidizing the cost of a meal. It was RESOLVED that S.A.M.I. could not justify the use of membership monies to subsidize Ricegrowers Association meal costs.

It was AGREED that S.A.M.I. present to Lawrie Arthur and Deb Kerr a dozen bottles of wine (6 each) in recognition of their contribution to Irrigators Inc.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on 1st October, 2002.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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