

Broken Reconfiguration Feasibility Study

Consultative Committee Meeting Summary (September 2023)

What was discussed

- Consultative Committee purpose.
- Governance of both the Consultative Committee and Feasibility Study.
- Broken Reconfiguration Feasibility Study background, purpose, timeframe and scope.
- Broken System overview – including key insights from the Broken System Review 20-22.
- Communication and engagement.
- Current political environment in relation to water recovery to meet the Murray Darling Basin Plan commitments.

What we heard

- The need for community to better understand system challenges and the need to adapt to change is critical.
- The Committee is keen to explore opportunities that improve conditions and confidence in the system for all users.
- The study must be transparent and openly discuss the challenges and issues, providing clarity in the rationale for any change recommendations that eventuate.
- The study must focus on options that improve the resilience of the system in dry years.
- The needs of the wider community must be factored into the study.
- Multiple communication methods are needed to ensure all can engage with the study.
- The committee is keen to incorporate lessons from previous work.
- Solutions must consider shared benefits inc. environmental, cultural and social outcomes.

Next steps

- Establish forward meeting schedule for the Consultative Committee.
- Insights from the Consultative Committee will be incorporated into the Feasibility Study communications and engagement plan.
- The Consultative Committee will provide feedback on a review of past investigations and lessons learnt.
- The Consultative Committee will assist with identification of reconfiguration options for the Broken System.

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