



## **Meeting No. 1 Summary**

### **Loch Garry Reference Committee**

**Monday 13 February 2023**

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**Attendees:**

Cath Botta (Independent Facilitator)

GMW Loch Garry Customers

Colin Gilby, James Ginter, John Pettigrew, Mackenzie Craig,  
Linton Ryan

Community Representatives

Dennis Petterson, Mathew Price, Natalia Akers

Agency Representatives

Guy Tierney (Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority  
– GBCMA)

Chris Tyson (City of Greater Shepparton)

Joshua Lewis (Moirā Shire)

GMW

Charmaine Quick, Warren Blyth, Peter Clydesdale, Klaus  
Nannestad, Luke Dunham, Greg Shannon

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#### **1. Welcome**

GMW Managing Director Charmaine Quick welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being willing to participate in the process. Ms Quick then invited questions from the committee.

#### **2. Introductions**

- Independent Facilitator Cath Botta asked everyone at the meeting to introduce themselves and explain their background and reason for nominating for the committee.
- Committee members then discussed what they hoped the committee would achieve. Common themes included:
  - Ensuring the final recommendation was viable in the long-term
  - Finding recommendations that benefit all parties

#### **3. Terms of Reference (TOR's)**

The [Terms of Reference](#) were reviewed and discussed. Topics discussed included:

- Agenda and papers being made available at least five days prior to meetings
- Importance for public to stay updated on committee's progress

#### **4. Topics for Further Exploration and Discussion**

Committee members discussed what they believed the key topics for the upcoming next meetings should be. These included:

- The urgent repairs required to the regulator and levees
- The design and operating specifications of Loch Garry
- How the broader system works including how the role of the Loch in a flood
- Creation of interim operating rules until repairs are completed
- Preparing for future flood events that may be bigger than those in October 2022
- Developing a timeline of the October flood event
- More detail on the level measuring device in Shepparton
- Costs discussion: repairs and updates to infrastructure
- Review of operating rules
- Long-term viability of regulator as an asset.
- Potential alternate design options for the regulator.
- The operating rules community communication protocols
- The statutory status of the operating rules and the legal process for changing them
- The impact of Loch Garry on downstream communities

Considering these topics, GMW will draft an agenda for future meetings for the committee to review.

Options for when the next meeting should be held were discussed, with mid-March the preferred timing.