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## **Newsletter to Barossa Infrastructure Ltd Customers**

### **Rebate**

It is with pleasure the Board of Barossa Infrastructure Ltd (BIL) announces a rebate on water consumed from 1 April 2014 to 1 April 2015. The rebate of \$140/ Megalitre consumed will be credited to your account in October 2015. This rebate is due to the high level of consumption in such a dry year and is unlikely in future years.

### **Additional Water**

For the 2014/15 year ending on 30 September 2015, there is no further additional water available. For the year 2014/2015 you can save the unused water charge and assist other growers by declaring any water that is surplus. A form for the Temporary Transfer of Water for the 2014/15 year is attached.

For the 2015/16 Water Year no decision on additional water can be made until availability is confirmed, most likely in October. To register your interest, a form for the Temporary Transfer of Water for the 2015/16 Water Year is attached. BIL will advise once availability is confirmed.

### **BIL Website**

My apologies that it has taken so long to update the website. This will be completed in the near future with, it is hoped, a more user-friendly site and also one which will be easier for us to update in order to keep you better informed.

### **Seppeltsfield**

A number of customers have raised the issue of the proposed 'private' water supply scheme about to be constructed in a partnership between Light Regional Council and Seppeltsfield. It is our understanding that this is a private scheme to supply water only to some public recreation sites and Seppeltsfield. It is not in competition with BIL and does not affect Seppeltsfield's relationship with BIL.

As a further source of water to the Barossa there may be opportunities in the future to access reclaimed water to the benefit of BIL customers.

### **Scheme Expansion to 9,000 Megalitres per annum**

The expansion of the scheme to 9,000 Megalitres per annum has been approved by BIL and SA Water. The water will be available from 1 October 2015. For your information, there were a total of 45 separate connections to be supplied with this water, nearly 90% of which goes to existing customers.

### Expansion of the Scheme

In the original design it was expected the scheme would have a capacity of 10,000 Megalitres per annum. If you are interested in further water please contact us to discuss your needs. Some registrations of interest have been received and you may also wish to participate.

### Water Leases

As part of our water transport agreement with SA Water Barossa Infrastructure Ltd is required to have sufficient water allocation of River Murray Leases to meet demand. Barossa Infrastructure Ltd has long term leases with customers for a considerable amount of this water each year. This provides BIL with the certainty of being able to have sufficient water allocation from the River Murray. This is greatly appreciated, as it has meant BIL can spend scarce funds elsewhere.

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