Newsletter to Barossa Infrastructure Ltd Customers

May 2019

Gomersal Road Water Quality

We are aware that water quality along Gomersal Road is variable. Steve and Caleb are regularly flushing sections of the line to help improve this. Please let us know if water quality continues to be an issue for you.

Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme Discussions

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) is investigating whether there is grower demand for Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme (NAIS) water in the Barossa, and if so, what infrastructure might be required.

PIRSA's consultants undertaking this work have contacted Barossa Infrastructure for input, comment and suggestions. If you have an opinion on this, feel free to let me know.

The timing of this is PIRSA study is fortuitous, in that water sources and scheme expansion are two topics that the Board intends discussing at the Strategic Planning Day in June.

Opening Water Allocations from October 2019 have Increased

The Department for Environment and Water has increased opening water allocations to 22%, an improvement of 8%. The Department anticipates further improvements across the water year, since most inflows to the River Murray system historically occur between July and November.

There is no change to your current, 2018/2019 water year, contract volumes.

Change of Water Supply – Chlorinated

BIL customers continue to receive water from a chlorinated SA Water source. BIL customers should consider their own irrigation systems and determine whether temporary operational changes are appropriate during this time.

Customer Contract Renewal

All Customers with pre-2017 contracts should have received via email or post information and forms to allow renewal of contracts past their 2020 expiry. Renewed contracts need to be signed and returned to BIL by 30 June 2019.

Please let us know if you are unsure about how many contracts you have and their associated volumes etc.

Customers with contracts from 2017 or newer do not need to do anything; these contracts expire in 2040.

Additional Water – None Left

The situation remains the same: there is no additional water left for BIL to sell to customers this water year (until 30 September 2019).

Despite the welcome rain in the past few weeks, we know many of our customers could use more water. If you have spare water, please let Neville know – you will avoid unused water charges at the end of September, and other customers will be grateful.

Further Expansion of the Volume of Water Supplied by Barossa Infrastructure Ltd.

On the web site there is an <u>Expression of Interest form</u> for those interested in taking up more water. This is not binding but it helps considerably in our long-term planning if you keep us informed of your future water needs.

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