1. Recreation Review - Consultation Report

1.1. Executive Summary

The following report outlines the consultation process that Seqwater underwent regarding the review of recreation activities for Cooloolabin and Wappa Dams.

The community consultation period for this group of lakes was from 13 November to 29 January 2014.

This consultation period was extended to be longer than the other groups due to the summer holidays. This report provides the detailed consultation for Seqwater to consider and to identify the key themes or areas where the community believes change is required.

1.2. Consultation Methodology

The consultation methods used within the Recreation Review are designed to meet Seqwater’s objective to ensure all views, concerns and ideas of the community are both heard and captured.

Consultation methods are generally qualitative or quantitative and used together are complementary. To maximise exposure and participation in the Recreation Review a combination of these methods have been chosen whilst working within a limited budget.

The following opportunities were devised and implemented to allow people to present their views in person and or for people to participate from remote locations:

- **Information Sessions**: These were devised to provide information to the community. They enabled people to provide views and ask questions around the recreation review.
- **Survey**: Both qualitative and quantitative data was collected around each of the recreation points of discussion within the discussion papers.
- **Workshop**: Providing the opportunity for discussion, the workshops captured quantitative data.
2. Stakeholder Engagement

A list of existing stakeholders was developed for the engagement activities required for the Review, with varying levels of involvement required.

| Advertisements          | Nambour Weekly – 6th November 2013  
|                         | Sunshine Coast Daily – 9th November 2013 |
| Media Releases          | 3                                      |
| On-line Surveys Completed| Cooloolabin Dam - 47  
|                          | Wappa Dam - 61                    |
| Information Session     | Yandina Markets,  
|                          | 23 November 2013 – 72 attendees    |
| Workshops               | Discussion Workshop 1  
|                          | Yandina, 30 November 2013  
|                          | 26 attendees                     |
|                          | Feedback Workshop 2  
|                          | Yandina, 18 January 2014  
|                          | 31 attendees                     |
3. Details of initial promotional activities

Seqwater promoted the review within the broader community and with key stakeholders in the following ways:

- Advertising in local and broader papers
- Seqwater website
- Consultation focused website (www.yourseqwater.com.au)
- Consultation with Local Councillors, State Representatives and Federal Members
- Media launch with Minister for Energy and Water Supply
- Letters to Seqwater stakeholders and government departments

3.1. Departmental Notification

Letters were sent to a number of government departments to notify them of the Recreation Review, the process and requesting their assistance and participation. The full list of departments is identified in Appendix A.

Department Representatives, State Elected Representatives and Local Elected Representatives were all provided with information to send out to their contact databases and to include in their newsletters to raise awareness of the review.

3.2. Meetings Held with Elected Representatives

The following elected representatives in the area for this cluster were consulted:

**Local Representatives**
- Cr Rick Baberowski
- Cr Peter Cox
- Cr Chris Thompson
- Cr Jenny McKay
- Cr Christian Dickson
- Cr Ted Hungerford
- Cr Jason O’Pray
- Cr Steve Robinson
- Cr Greg Rogerson

**State Representatives**
- Andrew Powell MP
- Peter Wellington MP

**Federal Representatives**
- Mal Brough MP
- Clive Palmer MP
3.3. Social Media

Seqwater has promoted the consultation activities through their own social media sites as well as encouraging those involved such as the Sunshine Coast Council to post information on their own sites.

Examples of facebook and twitter posts on the Seqwater page have been included in Appendix E.

3.4. Advertising

Advertising was placed in the following publications. An example of the advertisement can be viewed in Appendix B.

- Nambour Weekly 6th November 2013
- Sunshine Coast Daily 9th November 2013

A poster was also developed for advertising the review in the local area and can be viewed in Appendix C.

3.5. Media Releases

The following media releases were issued by the Minister’s Office and can be read in detail in Appendix D:

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3.6. Information Session

An information session was advertised and held in the local area to raise awareness of the review and provide people with additional information on the review. This was held at the Yandina Markets, with the aim of reaching passing traffic as well as being available to answer questions for those who were aware of the recreation review.
4. Consultation Participation

Survey response
The table below identifies the number of surveys completed for each lake.

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The aim of Discussion Workshop (1) was to identify the activities that work, what could be improved and opportunities for the future use of the lakes.

Feedback Workshop (2) was aimed at providing feedback on the key themes from the survey results to date and the discussion workshop and to further develop options presented by the community.

Individual Submissions
A number of individual submissions were made directly to Seqwater during the consultation period.

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5. Consultation Outcomes

The following section provides an outline of the key themes identified in the workshops, the survey results and personal submissions to the review. As the themes may differ between the type of consultation this section shows the breakdown between each method.

A key theme is defined as a common discussion point or central discussion amongst the majority of those participating. There were many ideas identified by individual members of the public as being opportunities for recreation activities and these were captured and detailed in the outcomes reports for each workshop and provided to Seqwater for discussion.

5.1. Discussion Workshop

The key themes identified through the discussion workshop were:

General
- Support for change in opening hours to reflect the seasonal daylight hours. Some demand for night time access.
- Participants want to fish at both dams.

Cooloolabin Dam
- Improvements are required for the picnic area.
- Some support for camping at the site while others were concerned about illegal activities being undertaken including open fires and camping.
- Support for motorised boats on the lake with discussions focused on ways of managing the Cabomba.
- Support for non-motorised boats on the dam.
- People would like signage and maintenance on the trails.
- Discussion around provision of a bird hide.
- The tranquillity of the area should be maintained.

Wappa Dam
- Great picnic area.
- Opportunity for camping, but not powered camp sites.
- Division amongst participants wanting powered boats for skiing and those who didn’t want any boats on the dam.
- Some recognised issues with access for paddlecraft as being impacts on the environment, access to the lake and the dam wall.
- Others were supportive of enabling paddlecraft on the lake.
5.2. Feedback Workshop

Feedback was provided to the participants on:

- Trails – improved signage and mapping
- Environment – opportunity to provide a bird hide
- Picnic Facilities – improve safety and amenity
- Camping not possible
- Motorised craft too risky due to weed
- Road maintenance and upgrade – not owned by Seqwater
- Paddle craft and swimming – not possible on either lake
- Fishing – Decision regarding fish stocking is a Fisheries Queensland matter. Seqwater advised that the organisation would not object to lakes being stocked with fish, but that would only accommodate shore-based fishing, if boating and paddlecraft are not allowed on either lake

Participants discussed:

- No need for a bird hide at Cooloolabin Dam - participants agreed that money could be better spent in other ways.
- Some participants wanted remote bush camp sites at Cooloolabin Dam, and others were against camping being allowed at the lakes or in recreation areas.
- Impacts of paddlecraft and swimming on water quality in the lake and potential impacts for required treatment to meet drinking water standards. There was a requirement for more information on this point, and vigorous discussion on this issue.

5.3. Survey Results

General

- Swimming is desired at both dams.
- Support was shown for the environmental significance of the area around both dams.
- The proposed change in opening hours was supported for both dams.

Cooloolabin Dam

- Some dissatisfaction with the picnic area - more maintenance works desired.
- Division amongst the community on camping at the lake with some wanting it and others believing it already occurs illegally with impacts such as open fires and vandalism.
- Majority would like to see the lake opened to paddlecraft. However they disagreed with the introduction of a boating permit.
- The majority were disinterested in fishing.
- Allowing dogs at the lake was supported by a marginal majority, however others disagreed due to the nearby National Park and the threat to wildlife.
- Maintenance and signage of trails was seen to be a cause for dissatisfaction in the trails.
Access to the recreation area at the lake being controlled by a locked gate was suggested, as were improvements to the access road.

The majority felt it important to consider and protect the surrounding environment.

Wappa Dam

- People were satisfied with the picnic and playground areas.
- Majority would not like to see camping at the lake.
- Strong disagreement about motorised watercraft being allowed onto the lake.
- Majority would like to see the lake opened to paddlecraft. However they disagreed with the introduction of a boating permit.
- The community were divided over permitting fishing at the lake with a slight majority disagreeing with it.
- Most of the participants were indifferent to the trails around the lake. Of those who were concerned, the majority were satisfied with the current trails.
- A marginal majority of people wanted dogs to be permitted at the lake with a large contingent disagreeing on this point.

5.4. Private Submissions

Private submissions were received by Seqwater during the consultation period via email and mail. These submissions identified issues or suggestions such as:

- Support for designated swimming areas at both lakes
- Support for paddlecraft at both lakes
- Enforcement of existing and new restrictions to reduce unauthorised and illegal activities
- Ability for organised groups to undertake activities on either lake
## Appendix A  Notifications (list of letters)

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Appendix B  Advertisement

It’s your water! Have your say...

Seqwater is undertaking a review of the recreation facilities at Cooloolabin Dam, Wappa Dam and Poona Dam.

We encourage you to have your say about recreation opportunities around the lakes. Discussion Papers for each lake will be available online from 13 November and at your local ward or council office. We invite you to attend an information session where you can ask questions, get additional information on the review process and register for a workshop on these lakes.

**Saturday 23 November, 8am – 12 noon**
Yandina Markets

**You can submit your feedback** on these lakes from 13 November 2013 to 29 January 2014 by:

- completing an online survey on our website [www.yourseqwater.com.au](http://www.yourseqwater.com.au)
- attending an information session
- emailing recreationreview@seqwater.com.au
- phoning us on **1800 505 182**

phone 1800 505 182
Appendix C Poster

It’s your water! Have your say...

Seqwater is undertaking a Recreation Review to explore the recreational opportunities in and around its lakes and you’re invited to get involved!

If you’re a regular visitor to Seqwater lakes and have some ideas about the recreational facilities, Seqwater would like to hear from you!

To get involved in the Recreation Review, you can:
- Attend an information session
- Fill in an online survey
- Participate in a workshop

For more information or to register your details:
Website www.yourseqwater.com.au
Phone 1800 505 182
Email recreationreview@seqwater.com.au
Appendix D  Media Releases

Media Statements

Minister for Energy and Water Supply
The Honourable Mark McArdle

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Minister launches Seqwater’s Recreation Review

Seqwater is set to undertake the most extensive review of recreation offered by south east Queensland dams and catchments to date, Energy and Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle announced today.

Mr McArdle said Seqwater managed 50 per cent of the region’s open recreation space catering for up to two million visitors a year.

"Enjoying the outdoors is a big part of life in south east Queensland. Many of us love nothing better than getting out and exploring our bushland, waterways and camping at our lakes," Mr McArdle said.

“Our dams and catchments offer some of Australia’s most enjoyable recreational experiences from camping, fishing, canoeing through to the higher octane pursuits of water skiing and jet skis.

"It is essential we have a robust discussion about how this precious resource is managed for future generations to enjoy.”

The review will include the development of recreation site master plans for clusters of dams across the region detailing allowable activities, available facilities, management rules and guidelines.

"The review will take into account the fact that many recreation dams across the region are also drinking water storages," he said.

"It will need to balance the provision of recreation alongside the need to ensure there are no adverse impacts on water quality or the immediate catchment around those dams.”

During March and April, Seqwater will consult local councils, user groups and affected residents on the proposed review before finalising the timetable.

Mr McArdle recently met residents in Redland and Moreton Bay Regional council areas to hear their feedback on how they would like to use and access Seqwater recreation sites in their local area.

"It is important we take into account the concerns of the community and I applaud Seqwater’s approach to consult and listen to the concerns and feedback of the community in south east Queensland," he said.

"The review will include extensive community consultation and I encourage all interested parties to get involved.”

The review process is expected to start by May with the release of the first of the site master plan discussion paper.

Seqwater was established from 1 January 2013 when Seqwater, LinkWater and the Water Grid Manager merged.

In forming the new authority, a key Government objective was ensuring the region’s dams and catchments optimised recreational opportunities, including potential commercial activity to enhance the community’s use of recreation sites and the delivery of economic benefits.

[ENDS] 26 March 2013

Media contact: Minister’s Office 07 3896 3690 or 0417 277 905
Media Statements

Minister for Energy and Water Supply
The Honourable Mark McArdle

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Have your say on recreation plans for dams

South east Queenslanders are being urged to have their say as part of the most extensive review of recreation of SEQ dams and catchments ever undertaken.

Energy and Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle today released a discussion paper on the future recreation options for Wivenhoe, Somerset and Atkinson dams: the first in a series of 14 discussion papers covering the region’s 29 dams.

Mr McArdle also officially reopened one of Somerset region’s more popular sites – the Spillway Common below Wivenhoe Dam – following extensive damage during the January 2011 floods. The repair work also included improving access for paddle craft below the dam wall.

Mr McArdle said Seqwater had finalised its schedule for public consultation after receiving positive feedback from councils and key stakeholders about the timeframe.

“These recreation areas are public spaces and we want to hear from everyone involved – from the visitors to the people who live adjacent to the recreation areas,” Mr McArdle said.

“The community will be able to get involved by attending public information sessions and workshops, accessing information on Seqwater’s website and participating in online surveys.”

Mr McArdle said it was important to understand many of the recreation dams across the region were drinking water storages.

“The review will need to balance the diversity of recreation activities against ensuring no adverse impact on water quality or the immediate catchment around those dams,” he said.

The review will include the development of recreation site master plans for clusters of dams across the region detailing allowable activities, available facilities, management rules and guidelines.

The schedule for community consultation for the rest of Seqwater’s recreation areas are:

- Lake Samsonvale (North Aine Dam) and Lake Kurvongbah – July 2013
- Maroon and Moogerah dams – August 2013
- Ewen Maddock and Baroon Pocket – September 2013
- Bunumba Dam and Lake MacDonald – October 2013
- Cooloolabin, Roona and Wappa dams – November 2013
- Clarendon and Bill Gunn (Lake Dyer) dams – February 2014
- Leslie Harrison Dam – March 2014
- Lake Manchester, Bnoggera and Gold Creek dams – April 2014
- Hinze and Little Naringa dams – May 2014.

From today information for each review as well as the open online survey will be available on www.seqwater.com.au (external site). Information days and workshops for Wivenhoe, Somerset and Atkinson dams will run from 29th June to 12th July.

[ENDS] 20 June 2013
Media Contact: Natalie Wynne 3896 3690 | Mob: 0437 334 183
Media release

Minister for Energy and Water Supply
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Time to discuss Lakes Cooloolabin and Wappa

Sunshine Coast residents have been invited to have their say, as part of the most extensive review of recreation in South East Queensland dams and catchments ever undertaken.

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"This unprecedented review is part of the Newman Government’s commitment to grow local tourism opportunities, as we promised at the election, and increase recreation activities," Mr McArdle said.

"This is an important part of developing a vision for the future, something Labor failed to do during its years in Government."

Mr McArdle said the discussion paper provided a review of the various activities currently available as well as an opportunity for local residents to submit ideas about other opportunities.

"These Sunshine Coast lakes are wonderful public assets. Getting local residents involved in the planning process will deliver better long-term outcomes, as well as increase participation in local sporting and recreation activities," he said.

"We want everyone to be involved – from the visitors to the people who live close to the lakes."

Seqwater Chief Executive Officer, Terri Benson, said as many of the freshwater lakes are also drinking water storages, the review will need to balance the diversity of recreation activities against ensuring no adverse impact on water quality.

"The review will result in the development of recreation management plans detailing allowable activities, available facilities, management rules and guidelines," Ms Benson said.

Mr McArdle said Poona Dam would not be considered in the review, because it was an integral component of the water treatment process at Image Flat Water Treatment Plant and its catchment was small and highly sensitive to external activities.

Information for the review of Lakes Cooloolabin and Wappa, including online surveys is available at www.yoursqwater.com.au. The information session will be held from 8.00am to 12.00pm on 23 November at the Yandina Markets.

A community workshop will follow the information sessions, on Saturday 30 November. To attend the workshop, register at www.yoursqwater.com.au prior to Friday 29 November. Registered attendees will be notified via email of the venue location.

[ENDS] 14 November 2013  Contact: Jamie Baker 0424 140 087
Appendix E  Media Coverage

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“These Sunshine Coast lakes are wonderful public assets. Getting local residents involved in the planning process will deliver better long-term outcomes, as well as increase participation in local sporting and recreation activities,” he said.

“We want everyone to be involved – from the visitors to the people who live close to the lakes.”

Seqwater Chief Executive Officer, Terri Benson, said as many of the freshwater lakes are also drinking water storages, the review will need to balance the diversity of recreation activities against ensuring no adverse impact on water quality.

“The review will result in the development of recreation management plans detailing allowable activities, available facilities, management rules and guidelines,” Ms Benson said.

Mr McArdle said Poona Dam would not be considered in the review, because it was an integral component of the water treatment process at Image Flat Water Treatment Plant and its catchment was small and highly sensitive to external activities.

Information for the review of Lakes Cooloolabin and Wappa, including online surveys is available at www.yourseqwater.com.au. The information session will be held from 8.00am to 12.00pm on 23 November at the Yandina Markets.

A community workshop will follow the information sessions, on Saturday 30 November. To attend the workshop, register at www.yourseqwater.com.au prior to Friday 29 November. Registered attendees will be notified via email of the venue location.

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON WATER RECREATION

Coast residents are invited to have their say on the future use of Lake Cooloolabin and Wappa Dam.

The community feedback is part of the most extensive review of recreation in South-East Queensland dams and catchments ever undertaken.

Minister Mark McArdle says the discussion paper about the two Coast waterways will identify ways that future generations can enjoy them.

He says it is part of the State Government’s commitment to grow local tourism opportunities and increase recreation activities.

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Huge response to recreation review of SEQ dams (Sunshine Coast Daily online)

More than 3,000 organisations and individuals have seized the opportunity to shape the future of recreation at South East Queensland’s dams and catchments as part of the most extensive review ever undertaken.

Almost six months through Seqwater’s Recreation Management Review, Minister for Water Supply Mark McArdle said community interest had exceeded expectations.

“The recreation review process demonstrates the commitment of the Newman Government to local tourism opportunities as part of growing Queensland’s four pillar economy,” Mr McArdle said.

“To date, more than 2150 people have had a say through the online surveys and almost one thousand people have been involved in information sessions and participated in community workshops.

“We’ve heard from people who like to visit the lakes with friends and family, nearby residents, as well as outdoor and sporting groups that make use of the range of facilities available.”

Seqwater Acting Chief Executive Officer, Peter Dennis, said the recreation areas are public spaces and it’s important to consider everyone’s views so we can develop recreation opportunities that meet the needs of our growing and liveable region.

“It’s vital that we hear from as many people as possible. Our lakes and catchments are a precious resource and the recreation review provides a unique opportunity to have a say on how they are managed for future generations to enjoy,” Mr Dennis said.

As many of the dams across the region are also drinking water storages, the review will balance the diversity of recreation activities against ensuring no adverse impact on water quality or the immediate catchment around those lakes.

Consultation has occurred on six lake clusters, including:

• Lakes Atkinson, Somerset and Wivenhoe
• Lakes Kurwongbah and Samsonvale
• Lakes Maroon, Moogerah and Wyaralong
• Lake Baroon and Ewen Maddock Dam
• Enoggera and Gold Creek Reservoirs and Lake Mancheste
• Lakes Cooloolabin and Wappa.

Information about the recreation review, including the online surveys and the clusters of lakes that will be open for consultation in 2014, is available at www.yourseqwater.com.au.

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