Present: Adrian Langdon, Anub Nair, Cameron Munro, Jane Humphries, Ken Gee, Michael Owen, Tracey Barton, Daryl Cleeve, Chris McCosker, Tim Napier (part), Roland Heatley, Andrew Scott, Tracey Schultz.

Apologies: Michael Wrathall, Tony Townsend, Allan Raine

Meeting opened: 1.00pm (Qld Time)
The notes from the previous meeting were confirmed with no changes required.

1. **Review of Action Items**
1.7.1. Complete. Terms of Reference document - no further changes were suggested at this time.
1.7.2 Complete. WaterNSW emailed MPSC confirming that dam releases are not able to be made to supply water to Mungindi.
1.7.3 Complete. Councils have been provided with “Day Zero” information via direct updates and through meetings such as ROSCCo’s and drought sessions.
1.7.4 Complete. Water users will need to make their own enquiries about their specific circumstances directly to NRAR.
1.7.5 Complete. MPSC have been discussing with DPIE-Water Utilities group.
1.7.6 Ongoing. Any available information on Glenarbon weir pool volume to be provided to WaterNSW.

2. **Drought Overview**
Adrian made a presentation to the meeting with a general update including a state-wide overview.
3. **Border Rivers Drought Status and Operations in 2019-20**

Ken Gee gave a presentation to the meeting on the Border Rivers Drought Status & Operations in 2019-20 which included:

- Current Storage Levels and predictions under various scenarios
- Critical water needs in 2019-20
- S & D Replenishment flows
- Treatment of tributary inflows
- Potential infrastructure options or other actions for managing the drought
- Groundwater issues and water quality issues
- Mapping and identification of critical water supply needs

4. **General Discussion**

Key discussion points from the presentations and general business included:

- Border Rivers is in Stage 4 - Critical Drought, as per the Extreme Events Policy.
- The small volume of general security carryover allocations in the Border Rivers are restricted by 50% however this doesn’t mean that the remaining 50% is available for use. There will be no further deliveries from the Dams until conditions improve.
- Pindari Dam – minimum releases are being maintained to supply essential requirements for Ashford.
- Glenlyon Dam – zero releases.
- The total shortfall in the Border Rivers resource assessment is currently at 31.02GL. This means that a further 31.02GL is required before any deliveries from the dams can be considered. The largest shortfall is in the Essential Supplies portion of around 20 – 21GL
- No inflows have been received in the past 6 months. For the past 24 months, 37.3GL has been received which is less than half of the minimum inflow.
- Temporary Water Restrictions (section 324 Orders) are assessed and applied on an event basis. WNSW has been progressing the documentation of a draft framework to assist with outlining and increasing the transparency of the decision process. WNSW will seek feedback from the ROSCCo when the draft has been compiled.
- Water Restrictions – In some situations, inequities exist between town water and riparian water users. It was discussed that all should be on the same restrictions. The recent section
324 temporary water restriction applying to the Mungindi Weir pool attempts to restore that equity. It was noted that enforcement of the restrictions needs to occur. WaterNSW advised that this is a NRAR function.

- Replacement of the low-level outlet works at Pindari. This was discussed at the last CAG, including the potential to impact water deliveries when the work takes place. The work is now scheduled for early 2020 however it is likely to now only have an impact on the minimum dam releases and supplies for Ashford for a period of around 1 week.

- Environmental Needs. Fish refuge pools in the river need to be maintained if possible. CEWO requested to be kept informed about any changes to minimum releases. **Action: WNSW to keep CEWO informed about any changes to Pindari minimum releases.**

- Mungindi Weir Pool. A bathymetric survey will be undertaken on the Mungindi Weir Pool in early 2020. **Action: WNSW will share the results with MPSC when they become available.**


- The possibility of holding a ROSCCo teleconference in January was discussed. **Action: Tracey Schultz to convene a teleconference if required.**

- Meeting closed at 2.10 pm

**Next meeting : Wednesday 16 March 2020**

**Meeting presentation is attached and can also be found [here](#)**
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