

SECOND ROUND CONSULTATION – ISSUES ARISING

[This note records issues identified, and views expressed, by stakeholders present at the meeting. The Authority is yet to form any opinion on them. As appropriate, issues will be addressed in the Authority's reports].

Scheme: Proserpine Water Supply Scheme

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Process Issues

- The timelines are insufficient to allow SunWater customers to adequately respond to the consultant reports' on SunWater's network service plans.

Technical Issues

- The renewals balance should be unaffected by lower than forecast water usage.

Scheme Specific Issues

- Price differentials between Kelsey Creek and Proserpine River should remain. It was claimed that this price differential was based on an agreement between the sugar mill and SunWater (or its predecessor).
- The sugar mill made an upfront financial contribution in return for lower prices. QCA invited irrigators to provide documentation pertaining to this agreement. Additionally, metering, billing, water ordering and other functions are undertaken by the water board for their customers which would justify a cost difference.
- The level of consultation (particularly relating to the renewals expenditure) between irrigators and SunWater is unsatisfactory and should be increased.