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Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 116 AGENDA

Indigenous Acknowledgement

"The Murray Darling Association acknowledges the traditional owners of this land and the waters on which we meet"

Location: City of Tea Tree Gully Civic Centre – Banksia Room
571 Montague Road, MODBURY

Time / Date: At the conclusion of the AGM, Thursday 17 June 2021

Guest **Ms Deana Mildren**

Speaker: Regional Engagement Officer, Lower Murray, Murray-Darling Basin Authority

Chair: Cr Andrew Tilley, City of Mitcham

Secretary: Jamie Barrett, City of Mitcham

1. **WELCOME BY HOST COUNCIL**

2. **ATTENDANCE**

2.1 Present:

2.2 Apologies:

3. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to the new individual member Lynda Yates

4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

5. **MINUTES**

Recommended that the Minutes of Meeting No 115 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 18 February 2021 be confirmed.

[Minutes from Previous Meeting](#)

6. **MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Board Meeting No 406,407 and 408 held in February, April and May respectively can be viewed by clicking on the following link.

[Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings of the MDA Board](#)

7. REPORTS FROM THE CEO

Reports from the CEO for February and April can be viewed by clicking on the following link.

[Chief Executive Officer Reports](#)

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Ms Deana Mildren – Murray Darling Basin Authority Update

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Cr Robin Coleman – Notice of Motion – Fish Kills in the Darling River

" To avoid fish kills in the Darling River we should have some diversion of water from the Burdekin River into the Warrego River which would then feed into the Darling River to the Murray River. This environmental flow would provide drinking water for those property owners alongside the rivers and livestock.

When a high river flow takes place then some approved irrigation could be carried out. "

Background.

The MDBA leaflet entitled River flows and the environment states 'the amount of water available is not consistent every year and is expected to decrease in the future.' A major finding point made is 'the Basin Plan is unlikely to be sufficient to achieve long-term outcomes unless further implementation and other actions are fast tracked.'

'Water for the environment has been crucial for sustaining water-dependent ecosystems during the recent drought. It will be increasingly important in our future climate, which is expected to be hotter and experience more frequent droughts.'

I believe therefore taking this information from the MDBA leaflet into account, we need to act as suggested in this N.O.M. and bring about the required environmental flow as a basic necessity of water supply to these rivers for the forecast future drought conditions.

Water does not understand State boundaries and as a national asset should be adopted as a National Project for immediate attention to drought proof the rivers mentioned in the N.O.M.

***** All Notices of Motion that are endorsed by Region 7 are then forwarded for consideration at the next appropriate Board Meeting*****

9.2 National Conference – Around the Room

Members who attended the National Conference are invite to give a five (5) minute summary of their experience, highlights and learnings.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be held on Thursday 19 August 2021 at City of Campbelltown commencing at 6.30 pm.

11. CLOSE