

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	30 April 2021 at 0900hrs
LOCATION	432 Regulator Road and 2198 Irrigation Way, Yanco

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSWES-63 – Leeton – DA17-2021

432 Regulator Road and 2198 Irrigation Way, Yanco

5000MK Water Storage Dam

Proposal relates to the excavation and establishment of a 5,000ML artificial water storage and associated infrastructure to function as a surge reservoir and support MI's irrigation network. The reservoir will operate as a gravity inflow/outflow with pump assist to utilise full capacity. Inflow will be from MI's main canal.

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Garry Fielding (Chair), Sandra Hutton, Graham Brown, Cr George Weston, Cr Tracey Morris
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Francois Van Der Berg – Manager Planning Building and Health – Leeton Shire Council Sarah Nash – Planning Officer – Leeton Shire Council
OTHER	Amanda Moylan – Planning Panels, Local and Regional Planning, DPIE Jody Rudd - Works Program Coordinator – Murrumbidgee Irrigation Fern Dorricott – Environmental Planning Manager - Murrumbidgee Irrigation

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED
General matters

- Clarification of dam wall height and specifications – internal and external
- Source of rock to be used in dam wall construction (Milbrae Quarry)
- Discussion and explanation around surge reservoir and how it operates to store water and provide water on demand

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- Details provided about broader operation of surge dams in MIA including an explanation around the types of surge dams, including configuration of smaller agile gravity fed dams.
- Discussion around flood modelling (including overland flow in 2015/16 floods)
- Broad discussion around canal operations including
 - Culvert under channel
 - Water escape routes via main channel
 - Down stream impacts
- Environmental impacts including the location and number of hollow bearing trees
- Advice around completion of Aboriginal Archaeological survey has been completed. Confirmation that final report is to be provided. AHIP to destroy will be sought. Confirmation that Leeton LALC were on site during the site survey.
- Water level of dam (including discussion around level variations)
- Construction timeframes – 6 month time frame using local contractors, with exact delivery timeframe being dependent on funding availability
- Crown land access (in particular the Crown Road Reserve) and discussion around road reserve acquisition
- Council advised that the assessment report estimated to be available in June/July
- NRAR GTAs have been provided
- Awaiting GTAs from Heritage NSW