

## Lake MOKOAN

Lake Mokoan Future Land Use Steering Committee  
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### Minutes of Meeting No. 18

Thursday 21 December, 2006

4.30 – 6.30 pm

Council Chambers, Benalla Rural City Council, Fawckner Drive, Benalla

#### Welcome

Sally Simson (Chair) welcomed Committee Members and others attending.

#### Present

Sally Simson (Chair), Charles Jones, Doug Bain, John Brownstein, Lyn Tanner, Russell Ellis, Huw Davies, David Jeffery, Paul Dahlenburg, Mike Burston

#### Other

Bernie O’Kane, Tony Kubeil, Michele Lee

#### Apologies

Dimitri Scordelides, Tony McIlroy, Tony Long, David Pasztaleniec

#### 1.1 Minutes from previous meeting

**Motion:** “That Minutes of Meeting #17 be accepted”.

**Moved:** Charles Jones      **Seconded:** David Jeffery

**Passed**

#### ***ACTION SHEET SUMMARY – 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2006***

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Investigate the time constraints under EPBC Act.</b>	<b>TL advice – No time constraints</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Sally Simson to discuss the motion with members not present and invite them to vote. Sally would then notify all members of the result of the motion.</b>	<b>SS Completed</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>The Steering Committee write to the Minister with the Committee’s response to the draft FLUS, requesting a meeting as per the previous correspondence, while the FLUS is put out for public comment</b>	<b>SS Delegation (SS, DB, JB) visited the Minister. No commitment given pending public consultation, submissions and assessment.</b>
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Sally Simson to arrange for absent members to vote on both motions related to membership of the delegation to the Minister</b>	<b>SS Completed</b>

## **2.0 Issues arising from Minutes**

### **2.1 EPBC Update – Tony Long**

DB noted advice he'd received from Federal Environment Minister Campbell regarding timelines of Victorian submission to DEH indicating that the Minister was, "very displeased at delays in the Victorian submission". DB noted that this was contrary to Tony Long's comments.

### **2.2 Public exhibition of FLUS – Summary of responses received**

BOK advised that the Summary has not been formally presented to the Minister; DSE is awaiting the outcomes of FLUS meeting #18.

JB advised of the need for a correction in Submission #18 from BRCC, in particular the point regarding resources from council for a Tourism Officer. JB noted that BRCC will require funding to support this resource. It was noted that DSE staff had intended to meet and discuss the BRCC to discuss their submission however fire fighting duties had precluded a meeting to date.

**Motion:** That a meeting between DSE & BRCC is convened to clarify BRCC submission and that all submissions, in full, were to be appended to the Summary for presentation to the Minister.

**Moved:** John Brownstein      **Seconded:** Lyn Tanner

SS advised that 25 submissions were received.

RE raised concern over the incomplete nature of the assessment of Fish & Forestry issues in the FLUS. DJ noted that resolution of these was recognised in FLUS, for attention in implementation management plans. RE disagreed with DJ comments as anything planned can be negated if strategy doesn't work further down track.

LT raised the absence of any reference to roads infrastructure, in the Summary. SS noted that this would be addressed in a revision of the Summary.

RE indicated that there should be more funds provided in the Estimates for Fire Management. Provisions in the FLUS for the development Fire Management Plans were noted. RE further stated that the FLUS does not recognise a role for the CFA and expressed concern that DSE and/or Parks Victoria may not recognise CFA concerns on this matter.

## **3.0 Steering Committee – Issues for response to Minister**

Discussion occurred on the need for a final submission to the Minister from the committee. Submission to include the Summary, together with copies of complete original submissions and a statement reinforcing the LMFLUSC recommendations put forward at meeting #17.

HD highlighted the need for strong preferences to be expressed in relation to the future governance structure, especially with respect to community involvement/ownership, a sustainable structure to cover life of the implementation program and one which reports directly to the Minister.

The need for a letter inviting the Minister to attend a meeting in Benalla with the LMFLUSC where the FLUS, submissions and recommendations could be formally presented was agreed. If the Minister is unable to attend then a LMFLUSC delegation would seek to go to Melbourne and present.

**Action: SS to distribute draft letter for comment by 31/12/06 for comment from members. Letter to be sent to Minister in first week of January 2007.**

#### **4.0 Comments from members on Steering Committee process and expectations of next stage**

##### **4.1 Future Governance - Board of Management Structure**

Much discussion regarding structure of Board of Management, funding & who it would report to.

**Action: All members to submit comments on the preferred structure to SS by 29/12/06 Fax: 03 5829 2600 Email: [ssimson@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ssimson@unimelb.edu.au)**

##### **4.2 DJ provided update on Lake Diverter Supply:**

- Configuration of pipe supply has been confirmed
- Design of pump station, pipeline and balancing storage has commenced
- Site surveys have commenced
- Flora/Fauna & Heritage assessments are being conducted
- Expressions of Interest called to allow short listing of suitable construction contractors

##### **4.3 DJ provided update on Reliability Offset Measures:**

- Advised that four offset packages had been released for comment.
- Briefings had been provided to irrigators and interested groups, VFF local & state, Water Service Committees, Benalla Council, Shepparton Council
- Submissions closed 9/12/06. Very few submissions received – main issues included in those that were received were reliability and pricing/tariffs.

Some discussion followed regarding purchase of water entitlements. DJ advised that it is a component of each of the Offset packages to varying degrees.

Discussion regarding how to manage water supply obligations v's optimising future wetland values and rehabilitation if current drought conditions continue. BOK advised that as we are unable to predict Mother Nature we will have to manage what we have at handover.

##### **4.4 SS suggested a regular Project column in the local paper – What's happening at Mokoan**

**Action: DJ to investigate**

##### **4.5 Need for the Wetland Technical Reference Group (WTRG) to give priority attention to early implementation of a monitoring program for the site was discussed and supported.**

**Action: DJ to reinforce this with GBCMA and the WTRG**

#### **5.0 General Business**

##### **5.1 Change of GBCMA representative**

Tony Kubeil has replaced Phil Stevenson.

## 5.2 Payment of Sitting Fees

Sitting fees have not yet been received.

SS, MB & JB indicated that they do not wish to receive sitting fees

**Action: Tony Kubeil to follow up outstanding payments with GBCMA**

## 5.3 Committee Tenure

Committee to wind up following submission to the Minister as per commitment although it will be up to DSE as the convener of the committee.

## 6.3 Next Meeting

TBA

Meeting closed 1830 Hours

### ***ACTION SHEET SUMMARY – 21 December, 2006***

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
3.0	Draft letter to Minister reinforcing recommendations put forward at meeting #17 to be distributed for comment from members by 31/12/06 & sent to Minister 1 <sup>st</sup> week Jan 2007.	Sally Simson
4.0	Future Governance - Board of Management Structure All members to submit comments on the preferred structure to SS by 29/12/06	All
4.4	Regular Project column in the local paper to be investigated	David Jeffery
4.5	Wetland Technical Reference Group (WTRG) to give priority attention to early implementation of a monitoring program for the site.	David Jeffery
5.2	Follow up payment of outstanding sitting fees	Tony Kubeil