

Lake Mokoan Project - Community Update

Department of
Sustainability and
Environment

Future Land Use Strategy

The Future Land Use Strategy is expected to be considered by the relevant ministers following the decision to continue with the decommissioning of Lake Mokoan. The Future Land Use Steering Committee recently met with the Minister for Water's advisor to discuss detail on their recommendations and implementation issues. It is expected that the Government will make an announcement soon regarding endorsement of the Future Land Use Strategy. In the interim planning for implementation of key components of the Future Land Use Strategy is continuing.

Lake Mokoan Diverters Pipeline

A customer service charter for water supply has been drafted for consideration by irrigators. A

meeting was held with irrigators to discuss the pipeline design and future operation of the pipeline. Tendering for supply of the pumps will occur in late February. The customer demands and the pipeline sizing have now been finalised, with the final design now being drafted. A meeting was recently held with cultural heritage representatives to review the Cultural Heritage Management Plan and discuss any issues which may arise during construction.

Reliability Offset Package

Design of facilities for the remote control and monitoring of key water regulating structures and catchment stream gauging stations, on the Broken River and Creek and the Mokoan Inlet channel, is continuing.

Invitation of tenders for contracts for the remote operation and monitoring of the Lake Nillahcootie outlet structures has commenced.

Installation of approximately 70 upgraded diversion flow meters within the Broken system has commenced and will continue over the next 6 months. These meters will help to improve system operation and reduce water losses.

Engagement of a water broker to purchase water entitlements in support of the development of a final package of water supply offset measures has commenced. Water broker activity is planned to continue over a period of 2 to 3 months, with initial approaches to be made to approximately 35 water users who have previously expressed an interest in the sale of some or all of their water entitlement.

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