



## Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee

### **Unconfirmed Minutes**

Friday 15 March 2019

155 Main North Road, CLARE SA

#### **1. Welcome:**

The meeting opened at 10.00am and Chair Andrew Cole welcomed everyone.

#### **2. Attendance:**

Committee members: Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Chris Parish (Wakefield), and Adam Broadbent (Light Regional Council)

Present: Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group), Paul Chapman (Project Officer Legatus Group) and Harsha Sapdhare (PhD Intern)

#### **3. Apologies**

Wayne Hart (CEO Mt Remarkable) and Lee Wallis (Regional Council of Goyder)

#### **4. Previous minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 October 2018 were taken as read and accepted.

#### **5. Joint CWMS Service Arrangements by Legatus Group report**

The meeting noted the report by Simon Millcock and that the LGA has confirmed approval and authorised payment of the invoice. This allows for continued funding for 12 months. Simon noted that other regional organisations of councils are taking a greater interest in CWMS.

Discussion held on the value of the TAFE certificate III course being undertaken and for Paul Chapman to ensure he engages with the course. Noted subsidy was only available to those who live in regional areas and that this had not been made apparent initially.

#### **6. CWMS Project Officer**

Simon introduced Paul Chapman who has commenced a 12-month two days per week contract. Paul described his background in policy, research and teaching in economics and public policy.

General discussion on Paul's initial scan of the work program arising from previous project officers audit and the 2018 Conference. The meeting noted that Paul's role was to help build capacity for constituent councils and this is best achieved through the sub-regional approach.

The meeting recognised there are differences across the varying systems but there are commonalities. This included that systems were evolving quickly, and that different geography requires different systems. A key issue is to know what is happening in future - what new systems are being contemplated and how resource sharing can occur.

A focus for Paul's time will be developing a collective argument for cutting red tape on the reporting requirements and for recommendations to be developed for the Legatus Group to consider for progressing to SAROC.

Paul and Simon to also begin organising the State conference for August, possibly in Clare, by creating a draft program.

### **7. PhD Intern Harsha Sapdhare - Sludge Processing Plant Viability Investigation**

Simon introduced Harsha who has been engaged under an Australian Government PhD Intern Program for the next 4 months. Harsha then informed the committee of her research background, working with Local Government and that her academic supervisor is a specialist in waste water.

General discussion held on issues with desludging, including access to disposal areas when the ground is wet or planted to crops and the issue of scale of operation as critical.

Agreed that the best approach is for key questions to be investigated by one-on-one discussion between Paul, Harsha and the Councils.

Simon to send a notice introducing Paul and Harsha and that reports from both will form the basis of sub-regional networking sessions in May.

### **8. Other Business**

General discussion held on work being undertaken by those councils present at the meeting. It was noted that some level of unfamiliarity for those delivering and undertaking the wastewater training of the various systems.

### **9. Close and next meeting.**

The meeting was closed at 11.30am and next meeting and location to be advised by Simon Millcock following the sub-regional workshops.