

Adelaide River water advisory committee: summary of out-of-session meeting 3

Date: 09 September 2025

Time: 09:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Rydges Palmerston - Darwin, 15 Maluka Drive, Palmerston City

Attendance			
Initials	Name	Position and representation	Notes
Chair	Darryl Day	Independent chair	
CL	Cherrian Luxton	Member, Community, Environment	
DC	David Ciaravolo	Member, Community, tourism and recreation	On-line
DG	David Gray	Member, Agriculture	
PS	Peter Shappert	Member, tourism and recreation	
SP	Selena Perrett	Member, Aboriginal, Environment, Community, Tourism	
TK	Tarizma Kenyon	Member, Aboriginal, Environment, Community, Tourism	
DB	Darcy Brooke	A/Director Infrastructre and projects	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
TD	Trevor Durling	Principal Engineer - Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program	Power and water Corporation
RM	Rod Marsh	Principal marsh.eco	
DLPE staff			
NB	Nerida Beard	A/Executive Director Water Resources	On-line
PH	Phillipa Hunter	Director, Water Management	
CH	Carly Hibble	Assistant Director, Water Management	
CP	Chris Parker	Engagement Officer	
TNT	Toni Thomson	Engagement Officer	
Apologies			
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CJ	Christine Jenner	Member, Aboriginal, community, environment	Apology
PG	Phillip Goodman	Member, Aboriginal	Apology

1. Meeting opening and attendance

Meeting commenced at 9:00 am.

1.1 Welcome, acknowledgement of country, meeting purpose

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Chair acknowledged country and traditional custodians.

Chair confirmed the agenda.

Chair updated the committee on the recent changes to the committee membership.

1.2 Update on the plan

The Department updated the committee on the progress of the water allocation plan, including timeframes for delivery.

2. Matters for discussion

2.1 Discussion - Values statement

The Chair re-capped previous workshops and discussions on the committee's values in the catchment. The committee had previously come close to finalising the wording of the statement, however members wanted to include reference to the interconnectivity of the waterways across the whole Adelaide River catchment.

The committee finalised the values statement to be included in the water allocation plan. The values statement will steer the committee in their advice to the Minister for Water Resources on the draft water plan.

2.2 Presentation – Water take scenarios for Darwin water supply

The Department of Logistics and Infrastructure, and Power and Water Corporation, presented their aspirations for surface water extraction for the Adelaide River Off-Stream Water Storage (AROWS). Their objectives for water take includes water security, including water quality, for the Darwin Region Water Supply Program; environmental sustainability, and infrastructure efficiency.

The presentation highlighted there were still questions to be answered through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), but they are on track to answer those questions to achieve their objectives.

The committee appreciated the update on the program and look forward to seeing it evolve over the coming years.

2.3 Presentation - Modelling

Rod Marsh, former CEO of Watertrust Australia, gave a presentation on the Department's hydrological and hydraulic modelling outcomes. Rod explained river flow rates, rather than overall extraction volumes, will be critical for water extraction licence conditions when licencing comes into practice once the plan is declared.

2.4 Discussion – Northern Land Council Cultural Values report

Chair read through elements of the Executive Summary and Recommendations of the Northern Land Council Cultural Values report. The report identifies culturally and socially important assets across the catchment. The committee will contribute to identifying implementation actions to integrate cultural values into the plan.

Closing comments

Chair opened the floor for any other business. The committee expressed their gratitude and satisfaction with the meeting.

Chair thanked everyone for their contribution.

Meeting closed at 2:00pm