



MEETING MINUTES

Committee Name:	Customer and Community Advisory Group (CCAG)
Venue:	Belmont Wastewater Treatment Works, Belmont
Date and Time:	Tuesday 17 May 2022 9.30am – 11.30am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Brian Adamthwaite	Lake Macquarie City Council (Chair)
Cr Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk	City of Newcastle
Mayor John Connors	Dungog Shire Council
Mr David Beins	
Ms Sue Johns	National Seniors Association

APOLOGIES

Mr Glenn Lyons	Hunter Local Land Services
Mr Leroy Wilkinson-Maher	
Ms Kerindy Clarke	
A/Prof Troy Gaston	University of Newcastle
Ms Kellie Harris	
Ms Sue Hirsch	Medowie Progress Association
Ms Linda Bowden	Save the Williams River Coalition
Mr Bill Lennox	Maitland Masonic Hall
Mr Joe Popov	Community Disability Alliance Hunter
Ms Amanda Watson	Business Hunter
Cr Sally Halliday	Maitland City Council

IN ATTENDANCE

Darren Cleary	Managing Director
Glen Robinson	Group Manager Operations
Nick Bates	Project Manager, Water Resilience
Chris White	Senior Media and Stakeholders Advisor
Declan Clausen	Executive Officer (CCAG Secretary)

WELCOME

The Managing Director, Mr Darren Cleary, opened the meeting at 9.35am, acknowledged the traditional owners of the country across the Lower Hunter region, and welcomed the CCAG Chair and members to the Belmont Wastewater Treatment Works Site.

Apologies were noted.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS SITE TOUR

Mr Glen Robinson, Group Manager Operations

Mr Robinson led the group on a site tour of Hunter Water's Belmont Wastewater Treatment Works, explaining Hunter Water's wastewater treatment process.

Hunter Water's Education Team have developed a video explaining the wastewater treatment process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWR4HX2Txu8&t=138s>



BELMONT DESALINATION PLANT

Mr Nick Bates, Project Manager Water Resilience

The Managing Director advised that the NSW Government had released the Lower Hunter Water Security Plan in late April 2022. Copies of the Plan were distributed to Members and is available on Hunter Water's website at: www.hunterwater.com.au/waterfuture

The Managing Director advised that the Plan proposes the construction of a permanent desalination plant at Belmont.

Mr Bates presented on the desalination plant proposal, explaining the reverse osmosis and treatment process, the inputs and outputs from the Plant, the constraints and benefits of co-locating the Desalination Plant on the Wastewater Treatment Works site at Belmont.

A fact sheet on the Desalination Plant was distributed to members, and is available on Hunter Water's website at:

<https://www.hunterwater.com.au/documents/assets/src/uploads/documents/LHWSP-updated-docs/Desalination-fact-sheet-CA.pdf>



MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed 11.30am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes to be considered by CCAG at meeting on 14 June 2022.