

## QCA irrigation workshop: issues arising

*[This note records issues identified and views expressed by stakeholders present at the meeting. The QCA is yet to form any opinion on these issues and views. As appropriate, issues will be addressed in the QCA's draft report.]*

**Scheme/(s):** St George WSS

**Date:** Wednesday 13 February 2019

### Dam safety upgrade costs / Inspector General Emergency Management (IGEM) review costs

- Stakeholders questioned the costs associated with dam safety inspections and IGEM systems

### SunWater's proposed costs

- Stakeholders considered that the QCA should compare SunWater's maintenance and operational costs against other entities, especially non-government entities. In the past SunWater's costs were only compared against other government owned entities.
- Stakeholders noted that the local management arrangements (LMA) process identified inefficiencies that should be applied to the bulk scheme.
- Stakeholders questioned whether some expenditure should be in opex rather than non-routine expenditure.
- Stakeholders questioned whether some of the corrective and preventative maintenance for the scheme's dam should be categorised as dam safety improvements rather than non-routine expenditure.
- Stakeholders questioned the non-routine expenditure project scheduled in 2053.

### Other issues

- Stakeholders questioned the QCA's approach to pricing high priority distribution losses.