

SUBMISSION ON CONDITIONS FOR CPW FROM GN & GT DEANS “AUCHENFLOWER”

To the Commissioners hearing the CPW Revised scheme

A. General Submissions

1. Referring to our original submissions, we do not believe that any aspect of the scheme meets with our approval because of any evidence heard to this point, in fact we consider that evidence reinforces our abhorrence of the scheme.
2. The scheme will have major effects on the landowners affected by the Headrace Canal, in many cases making major obstacles to the continuation of farming, and causing a great deal of emotional upset for them. In a number of cases people feel that they have no option but to sell land, in some cases in that ownership for 5 generations.
3. Compensation for any activity under the scheme will be required to be much greater than multiples of land value of the land taken for the headrace presently suggested.
4. We demand a widely publicly advertised and independently managed poll of all landowners in the scheme area, to ascertain whether there is even a majority support for the scheme.
5. We believe that even at this stage, should a majority of landowners within the scheme support the scheme, then the level above sea level of the headrace can quite practically be altered to minimize or remove entirely the scheme from those major objectors among us, and also with the added benefit for CPW of major reductions in cost, around the Homebush/Deans Road area. A lowering of perhaps 10 metres would put the canal more on flat land in this area, and over most of the area we believe would be on the properties of those who largely approve of the scheme.
6. An alternative could be to provide a canal “of 2 halves” coming

from both rivers part way, and once again avoiding the Homebush area. We have not seen any public discussion from the applicant of either of these suggestions.

7. Consents to the scheme should not be finally granted until the exact location, specification and design of the headrace canal are presented to landowners affected. It is not possible to fully plan, or know what damage is likely to occur to a property, until these aspects are fully revealed.
8. All landowners affected by the Headrace canal (HRO's) need to be informed of any pending operation on their property at least 6 months in advance, so to be able to plan for crop rotation, stock movement, stock numbers, temporary fencing etc. CPW to be responsible for managing temporary fencing of the worksite during operations, with effective and secure stock fencing at all times.
9. All plans (as defined in General Conditions 3) relating to any site on HRO's land shall be made available publicly, or if this is deemed impossible, at least made available to HRO's . Especially any dam safety plans need to be held by HRO's and several contacts must at all times be available publicly (perhaps on the CPW website) for HRO's to reach in case of any breach or overtopping of the canal.
- 10.If the Consent Holder fails to complete or abandons the work in progress on any HRO's land, or adjacent to that land, then full restoration must take place, and a bond to the full amount must be held in escrow, not with an insurance company, because of the likelihood of dispute with any insurance company.
- 11.We endorse "Southern Group Farmers Headrace" submissions except for (1) in which we believe "the usual terms" should be substituted with " the terms as agreed between the applicant and any or all of the landowners adjoining the headrace."

B. Specific matters as relate to Auchenflower, and many other HRO's

On Auchenflower, the Headrace Canal is above the scheme command area, so we have the canal, with none of the benefits of irrigation over a

significant part of the property

CRC061814

Any stockpiling to be done in consultation with HRO's CPW are to provide for replacement of existing shelterbelts, with large trees suitable for the position, trickle irrigated.

- 8 Confirm that no work shall be able to proceed over much of the clay downs in winter, as the water table is often at ground level.

CRC061768

HRO's need to be informed of diversion plans for Selwyn River and Black's Creek, as well as gullies along Homebush escarpment. Some creeks can have serious flash flooding

CRC102332

- 2 Vegetated land – to be **only pasture not over crops etc.**
Amount spread over any individual area to be limited so that it doesn't limit pasture growth subsequent to the spreading.
- 8. "all relevant parties" to include HRO's
- 17. All landowners affected by discharges from bulk earthworks shall be informed and included in siting discussions.
- 19. We do not agree that steep clay sidings or ramps in the clay downs will be stabilised by 80% cover by grass. Much more significant stabilisation methods need to be applied, as there is a danger of under runners forming, which can scour down to 5 metres, and could cause slumping into the canal.

CRC102334, 061928

Same conditions as in 332 above should apply

CRC061949

Issues around the 20% potential loss of water from the canal means that HRO's should come under the auspices of the GTRP as similar issues will confront them. There is likely to be crop damage, pasture damage, potentially loss of trees, and difficulty of access for vehicles, unless a full drainage plan is implemented by CPW in those areas affected. This could apply on both the bottom and top

side of the canal, as the canal itself will act as a water barrier to drainage off the clay downs, adding to the potential leakage, and cause an increase in swamping on the upside.

C. General Conditions

Schedule 2, 2(b) – Inadequate, needs to be a significant amount

3(e) - Levy to continue to be set at a level to properly manage environmental effects, as defined by an independent party.

Community Liaison Group

To have at least 1 representative from the HRO's at all times.
Must meet at least every 6 months, not less frequently.

Signed

Tim and Gillie Deans

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