

Additional response to Glasson recommendations

The following are some brief comments prepared in response to some recommendations of Mr Chris Glasson concerning the following applications.

Classic Properties - CRC063106.

It is noted that a photo-simulation prepared by Mr Glasson incorrectly showed the location and extent of irrigation in respect of its relationship to SH 8 – see accompanying montage. I have prepared montages showing the correct location, and therefore a more accurate portrayal of anticipated landscape effects. My montages also include the proposed pivot irrigator.

Lilybank - CRC071786

Concerning this application Mr Glasson notes in his supplementary evidence that Ms Lucas agrees with him that no hillside irrigation should occur.

In this regard I provided evidence that all proposed irrigation will occur on land that is already cultivated, and contrasts with adjoining uncultivated areas (see photograph 4 of my primary evidence). The visual relationship between these areas will not alter as a consequence of irrigation.

Secondly an issue arises as to where the hill slope begins and ends. The application site encompasses land that steadily rises from the river beds toward the mountain ranges. There is a discernable transition between the latter and former land forms. This transition is reinforced by current land uses – namely the aforementioned cultivated and uncultivated land. The application site does not extend beyond the already cultivated land onto the steeper slopes of hills and mountains beyond. Thus there will be no change in the prevailing (gross) land use patterns.

The same principle will apply to riparian margins. Consequently, from a landscape point of view there is no need for the buffer zones as again no changes will occur with respect to current land use patterns and their visibility.

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