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NSWIC Executive Officers Meeting

Wednesday 2 November 2011

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendance:** NSWIC Executive Officers Meeting

**Background:** As Minister Hodgkinson was unable to attend the Council meeting, David offered to meet with us on the day prior to Council (unavailable for Council day).

*David*

David was with the ABC for 15 years, with 10 of those in Wagga. He has been with Minister Hodgkinson since July. He was Senior Media Adviser, but is now Policy Adviser for Agriculture, Water, Forests and CMAs. Andrew Innes is now with Troy Grant. Mitchell Isaacs remains DLO.

*Basin Plan*

A Ministerial Council meeting on Friday will see the Draft Plan.

The alteration to conversion factors came as a “complete surprise” to NSW Government – and NOW – and they had “no idea” it was coming. They don’t know where the modelling numbers came from.

They are trying to “keep the powder dry” on the Basin Plan. Their response will be a Cabinet level decision.

2,800 gigs is “not far” from “last years debacle”.

NSW will conduct a socio-economic study of Basin Plan impacts. No information is available yet on when, how or by whom.

*State Priority Projects*

“We will announce metering when we can”. It is subject to a Cabinet decision. They prefer sooner to later. David noted Andrew has been “crystal clear” on NSWIC opposition. He will make a note to see if the industry position is clear in the Cabinet Brief.

“There is movement” on the on farm SPP. It appears to be a continuation of the pilot.

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