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Dear Siobhan, Raymond and Chris,

Thankyou all for an excellent meeting in Gunnedah this week. Further to the hearing please find as follows the questions to be tabled.

As per Gunnedah hearing Namoi Water has welcomed the opportunity extended by the committee to table concerns over unresolved critical questions relating to the MDBA plan. Better understanding the technical aspects raised in these questions will allow NW to further report back to the Committee on the impacts of the MDBA plan in the Namoi. NW would then propose solutions to meet the requirements of the Water act 2007 in a way that avoids impacts on our communities. We request a meeting between Namoi Water and the MDBA to address the following questions. The responses will be tabled and reported back to the committee as part of the hearing process into the MDBA plan guide.

- Namoi Water has a number of technical issues that have not been addressed either in the release of the basin plan guide, nor in subsequent meetings with MDBA technical team.
- Pre development numbers at end of system
- Post development numbers at end of system
- Inclusion of end of system flow in plan

The following measures contained in Namoi Catchment NSW Water Sharing plans do not appear to have been included in the MDBA end of system modeling NW wishes to re-run the models including these statutory planning measures to see the impact on end of system flow numbers.

- Peel Environmental Contingency Allowances
- Permanent Transfers out of Peel into Namoi
- Impact of WSP rules on reliability such as 90:10 rule.
- End of system flow requirements
- Pian flow requirements
- Flood plain harvesting inclusion of plug in number
- Interception numbers inaccuracy and impact on SDL
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- Other technical issues needing discussion with the MDBA
- Groundwater interconnectivity issues
- Menindee lakes and pre development for anabranch.
- Menindee model how northern basin water is used

These are summary topics that more detail can be provided upon request.

Thanks and Regards

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