

This is a high-level summary of the meeting for PDRG members to share with their networks. It provides a summary of agenda items, discussion points, and meeting actions.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points
Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country, Introductions	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country provided by the Chair.
Acceptance of previous minutes and member check-in	Previous minutes were accepted by members.
Paradise Dam Improvement Project (PDIP) Update	Sunwater shared an update on the project status and current activities including the three roadworks packages underway with package 1 expected to be finished early to mid-2025, progression of the geotechnical program, and quarry investigations noting Sunwater is looking at both local aggregates and existing commercial quarry options and may use a hybrid approach. Concept design is now completed and will be reviewed by a Technical Review Panel (TRP): an independent group of industry experts which provides advice and an added layer of governance within the project to ensure an open and transparent process. Sunwater provided an overview of the change in government following the State Election in October 2024.
Environmental update	As Sunwater is planning for a new dam wall, robust legislated environmental assessments must be undertaken as part of the project's environmental approvals process. Sunwater needs to complete detailed surveys such as terrestrial flora and fauna surveys, aquatic surveys, bushfire and evacuation assessments, traffic and noise assessments, and provide updated technical reports, which identify the expected impacts of the project. Engagement is continuing with State and Federal Government agencies to determine approvals pathways and timeframes.
Potential community programs and legacies	Sunwater discussed the impacts large projects like PDIP have on the community, especially during the construction phase, and the reasonable expectation to address those. Sunwater reshared the list of identified initiatives and noted the final opportunity for PDRG members to put ideas forward. The next step is to make decisions on what will be delivered, noting these need to be budgeted and finalised for inclusion in the project. Next steps involve developing a short list to be shared with the PDRG for comment followed by a final list and the Sunwater decision-making process to select final items.
Bundaberg Scheme Distribution Capacity Upgrade (BSDCU) Project	Sunwater provided a status update on the BSDCU project and noted the business case is being delivered in two phases. The current phase involves work to update the demand assessment and map potential high-level options to first increase capacity and then potentially expand the scheme. At the end of this phase a suite of preferred engineering solutions will be produced. Phase two work will focus on refining the solutions and developing the business case. Sunwater noted current studies are focused on demand at a more granular level than previous studies, to understand where and when demand occurs in the scheme. Sunwater noted some customer interviews occurred to support this with a scheme-wide optional survey to follow. Scheme customers are encouraged to participate in the forthcoming survey.
Other business	Some members expressed thanks for Sunwater's community consultation process and upgrades for Paradise Dam Road and offered to assist with ecological monitoring in future. A question was asked around start dates for the project, with Sunwater responding that more certainty about timing will be available once further conversations occur with the Commonwealth Government. Members were encouraged to participate in a feedback survey about the running of the PDRG.

Timeline for recent & upcoming PDIP activities:

Upcoming activity targets	Timing
Concrete mix trials	Next round planned for late March
Further geotechnical investigations	Underway
Paradise Dam Road upgrades	All three packages underway
Design for new dam wall	Progressing to preliminary design
Detailed business case for new dam wall	Expected to be completed end 2025
Quarry investigations	Drilling underway

Actions noted at this meeting and pending from the previous meeting

New actions			
Action		Responsibility	Status
Action 1, Nov 24	PDRG members to share final program and legacy ideas by 29 November 2024.	PDRG	Closed
Action 2, Nov 24	PDRG encourage scheme customers to participate in the survey for BSDCU	PDRG	Closed
Action 3, Nov 24	Sunwater to share results of the BSDCU customer survey when available	Sunwater	Open
Existing open actions			
Action		Responsibility	Action
August 24	Sunwater to advise NBRC of confirmed dates for community engagement activities in Biggenden	Sunwater	Open
August 24	Add temporary transfers as item for discussion a future PDRG meeting	Sunwater	Open
February 24	Sunwater to take on board engagement opportunity feedback – including a replica model in the community; short phase videos; hosting a public hall meeting in Biggenden to share a project update and how it will impact community	Sunwater	Open
February 24	Future presentations to include information on local traineeships and apprenticeships	Sunwater	Open
June 23	Sunwater to arrange for the selected construction partner to share information about strategies around local training and apprenticeships	Sunwater	Pending
June 23	Sunwater to share photos and videos of the 2D and 3D models as they are developed.	Sunwater	For discussion during design phase
Jul 22	Discuss public viewing opportunities and options to enable transparency during site works with the PDRG prior to works commencing on site	Sunwater	For discussion prior to construction phase
Nov22	Sunwater to consider recreation legacy options in consultation with NBRC as the project progresses	Sunwater	For discussion prior to construction