



Victorian Farmers Federation

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District Council 2 and 3

Regional Update:



Federal Water Tender Consultative Committee:

Richard Anderson attended the first meeting of the consultative committee that was formed by the Commonwealth Government to review their \$50 million water buy back by tender. Discussion focused on how the Government intends to proceed with its \$3.1 billion water buy back and ensuring transparency and accountability in this process. Richard is the only Victorian representative on this important committee.

COAG Meeting:

The Victorian Government will attend this Thursday's Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting. Topics of discussion include the National Water Plan and its Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion will also focus on the Federal Government's desire to lift the 4% trade out rule so they purchase large amounts of water (up to 1200 gigalitres) as proposed under their \$3.1 billion buyback for the environment. VFF policy does not support the removal of the 4% limit. We urge the Victorian Government not to agree to lift the limit next week.

VFF Water Council Results:

The election of the VFF Water Council took place at Annual Conference last week. Irrigators representatives across Northern Victoria are Richard Anderson for the Central North region, Jim McKeown for the Northern Region, Bruce Diffey for the North East and Andrew Ley for the North West region. The Chair will be determined at the next policy council meeting.

\$20 Million for Lake Mokoan:

The VFF was instrumental in the Victorian Government's decision to commit \$20 million to restore the Winton wetlands after the decommissioning of Lake Mokoan. The VFF is continuing to work with local irrigators, DSE and G-MW to consider offset measures aimed at minimising the impact of Lake Mokoan's decommissioning on irrigators.

Christmas in July - 25th July

UDV DC 3 has arranged a free Christmas in July for all drought affected members of the community. Gifts for all children 12 years and under. RSVP 30th June to Phyllis Broadwood on 58 683 230.

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