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Sent: Sunday, 9 January 2011 10:17 AM
To: kate.jones [REDACTED]; stephen.robertson [REDACTED]; Ken Smith
Cc: Lance McCallum; Karen Robinson; Nicola Hazell
Subject: FW: Summary Notes on Power Station Issues
Attachments: Summary of Power Station Issues - 8 January 2011.doc; ATT730296.txt

Ministers, Ken

This is an update on the three power stations and the current situation with the rain. We are working with them to assist with their issues by using the increased flow rates without compromising environmental standards. We will keep you informed of the situation.
Debbie

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Summary Notes on Callide, Kogan Creek and Darling Downs Power Stations - 8 January 2011

1. Callide Power Station - CS Energy

- Callide Power Station is a coal fired power station located near Biloela in Central Queensland.
- The power station's operator CS Energy has advised DERM that the station's ash dam is anticipated to overflow due to recent rain.
- On the evening of Friday 7 January 2011 the operator lodged with DERM a Transitional Environmental Program (TEP) for discharge from the ash dam. The proposal is for the discharge to occur in conjunction with releases from the adjacent Callide Dam managed by SunWater in order to achieve appropriate dilution.
- DERM has been providing advice to the operator regarding the matter for some time and has commenced assessment of the TEP as a matter of priority given anticipated overflow of the ash dam. Initial assessment is that dilution rates proposed by the operator may not meet DERM requirements. Any releases will discharge into Callide Creek which is a recharge source for nearby downstream aquifers that are used for irrigation, stock and town/domestic supply purposes.

2. Kogan Creek Power Station - CS Energy

- Kogan Creek Power Station is a coal fired power station located on the Darling Downs near Chinchilla and adjacent to Kogan Creek which is a tributary of the nearby Condamine River.
- DERM is dealing with two issues at Kogan Creek Power Station; an anticipated overflow of the ash dam and a request to discharge water from dams associated with the power station's coal mine.
- On 6 January 2011 DERM received a TEP for the discharge of water from the mine dams. The mine operator's objective is to provide capacity to de-water the mine pit for coal production. DERM understands that at the present time the power station has approximately seven days coal supply remaining. DERM is assessing the TEP as a matter of priority and cognisant of the coal supply outlook for the power station.

- On the evening of Friday 7 January 2011 DERM received a TEP in relation to potential discharge from the power station's ash dam. DERM will assess the TEP as a matter of priority, though initial review indicates that further information is required from the operator.

3. Darling Downs Power Station - Origin Energy

- Darling Downs Power Station is a gas fired power station located west of Dalby.
- Reverse osmosis (RO) treatment of groundwater is used to supply the power station's operating requirements for water. The resultant waste water is transported by road to an alternative storage site.
- Due to a flood related road closure, the waste water has not been able to be trucked off site and the operator has advised that it has had to turn off the RO plant and only has treated water for approximately two to three days generation. The operator shut down the power station on 31 December 2010 to conserve the available waste water storage. If requested to recommence generation by the electricity market operator and still be unable to truck waste water off site, Origin Energy is seeking to discharge waste water to a nearby watercourse.
- A preliminary draft TEP was received by DERM on Friday 7 January 2011, under which the operator is proposing to release about 90 kilolitres of waste water per day to an actively flowing stream to ensure that waste water storage is kept at manageable levels. Required water quality data and other information are yet to be provided to DERM by the operator. DERM will seek the required information from the operator as soon as possible and will assess the TEP as a matter of priority.

Karen Cowell

From: Ken Smith
Sent: Saturday, 8 January 2011 10:10 AM
To: 'debbie.best [REDACTED]'
Subject: Re: Water Grid operations update: 8/1/11

Thanks Deb. Let Dan know his analysis was quite helpful.

----- Original Message -----

From: Best Debbie <Debbie.Best [REDACTED]>
To: Ken Smith
Sent: Sat Jan 08 09:52:47 2011
Subject: Fw: Water Grid operations update: 8/1/11

A summary of impacts

----- Original Message -----

From: Dan Spiller <Daniel.Spiller [REDACTED]>
To: Best Debbie
Sent: Sat Jan 08 09:47:48 2011
Subject: RE: Water Grid operations update: 8/1/11

Debbie,

We expect river levels to be similar to yesterday, and again due to tides rather than releases.

River yesterday peaked at about 1.85 metres at the Port Office gauge. The high peak was due almost entirely due to tides and a 0.4 to 0.5 metre atmospheric anomaly.

BoM and Seqwater agree that flows of 1500 cumecs over Mt Crosby will contribute about 0.05m (50mm) to peak river levels at the Port Office gauge. We are planning to release at 1200 cumecs from midday, with an allowance for Lockyer Valley flows (which peaked at about 500 cumecs this week and are reducing). For interest only, the impact on low tide levels is greater - meaning that there is less variation in river levels.

The key risk will be if the high rainfall eventuates (200mm over four days). We will review as this occurs, but in the meantime it is important that we get the flood storage compartment down to give ourselves some flexibility.

Looking forward, we are preparing a more detailed brief on potential scenarios with the upcoming January and February peak tides. The challenge is that river levels are due to about five different factors, of which only tides can be predicted this far out. Atmospheric anomalies can only be predicted a few days out.

Short answer is that we expect ongoing low level flooding (defined by BCC as 1.7m at the Port Office gauge). Moderate Brisbane River flooding as defined by BCC would still require significantly larger releases than have been made at any time since Wivenhoe Dam was completed, potentially combined with another large atmospheric anomaly. Note that local flooding can occur for a range of other reasons, as flagged in the CM today.

Hope this helps.

Dan

From: Best Debbie [Debbie.Best [REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, 8 January 2011 9:28 AM
To: Dan Spiller

Subject: Fw: Water Grid operations update: 8/1/11

Dan you give detail?
Debbie

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From: Ken Smith <Ken.Smith [REDACTED]>
To: Best Debbie
Sent: Sat Jan 08 09:26:23 2011
Subject: Re: Water Grid operations update: 8/1/11

Thanks Deb. Can't access the attachment at home. Likelihood of localised flooding?

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From: Best Debbie <Debbie.Best [REDACTED]>
To: Ken Smith
Sent: Sat Jan 08 09:16:40 2011
Subject: Fw: Water Grid operations update: 8/1/11

Ken
A bit of action in SE which you need to be aware of. WGM is liaising with the LDMG. Debbie

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Madgwick.Darrent [REDACTED] <Madgwick.Darrent [REDACTED]>; Denner Scott [REDACTED]
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Sent: Sat Jan 08 08:59:30 2011
Subject: Water Grid operations update: 8/1/11

All,

Dam releases

Attached is the current technical situation report.

Releases are being made from Somerset, Wivenhoe, North Pine and Leslie Harrison dams, with forecasts of high rainfall totals over the next four days.

For Wivenhoe Dam:

* All five gates are now open with the release rate planned to increase to 1200 cubic metres per second by midday today. This release rate is less than peak release from October 2010.

* The release strategy will continue to be reviewed based on actual rainfall. With significant inflows, it may need to be increased.

* As advised yesterday, a number of local bridges have been inundated by releases and local flows. The Fernvale and Mt Crosby Weir Bridges could potentially also be affected if predicted rainfall totals eventuate.

* The BoM and Seqwater concur that current releases will increase the level of the lower Brisbane River by about 50 to 100mm. There is currently a 40 to 50mm atmospheric anomaly.

Releases from North Pine and Leslie Harrison dams are continuing. Releases from Hinze Dam are expected to be required over the weekend.

Water treatment

In terms of operations, Lockyer Valley flows have again caused a turbidity spike in the Brisbane River. Impacts are expected to peak today at Mt Crosby today, before being diluted by dam releases. There are similar issues at some other locations.

Despite the spike, all key plants are currently operating within critical limits with any impacts being monitored. Seqwater and Linkwater have prepared for potential issues by increasing treated water storage and staffing at some treatment plants. Desalination is at one-third capacity and ready to increase production within two hours of an instruction (but is unlikely to be required in this event).

With forecast rainfall, these type of issues are likely to recur over the remainder of the wet season.

Please call me on [REDACTED] if you require any further information.

Regards,
Dan

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Cc: Patrick Vidgen; Brad Smith; Nicholas Elliott
Subject: FW: Queensland Floods - Australian Government nominees [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: Queensland Floods - AusGov nominees.docx
Importance: High

Colleagues

Please find attached the list of Commonwealth reps on each of the Taskforce and sub- committee structures. Please make direct contact with the representatives in your respective areas.

Regards

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Ken,


As promised, attached is the list of Australian Government nominees for the Queensland Flood Recovery Taskforce and the five Taskforce Sub-committees.

As we discussed, I am, on your advice, still calculating whether we need an Australian Government nominee for the State Disaster Management Group and will advise in the next day or two.

I'd be grateful if you could let us know the logistical arrangements for the groups – e.g., their meeting schedule and contact points.

Regards,

Duncan Lewis



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Queensland Floods – Coordination and Governance Arrangements - Australian Government nominees

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State Disaster Management Group	TBC	TBC	TBC
Community Support, Health and Well-being Sub-committee	Anne-Marie Roberts	Indigenous Coordination Centre Manager Townsville (Acting Queensland State Manager until 17 January) Department of Families, Housing, Community Services, and Indigenous Affairs	Ph: [REDACTED] Mobile: [REDACTED] Email: Anne-Marie.Roberts@[REDACTED]
Economic Recovery and Employment Sub-committee	Catherine O'Sullivan	State Manager Queensland Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Ph: [REDACTED] Mobile: [REDACTED] Email: Catherine.O'Sullivan@[REDACTED]
Environment Sub-committee	Barbara Jones	Assistant Secretary Environmental Assessment Branch Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Ph: [REDACTED] Email: Barbara.Jones@[REDACTED]
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Roads and Transport Sub-committee	Lyn O'Connell	Deputy Secretary Nation Building, Surface Transport Policy, Policy and Research Department of Infrastructure and Transport	Ph: [REDACTED] Email: Lyn.O'Connell@[REDACTED]

