



Construction and Community Advisory Group Update 19/8/2011

Construction has continued to progress. Recent rainfall and flows passing through the forest has affected work sites and restricted access.

Works Recently Undertaken

- There were minimal earthworks undertaken due to wet weather and restricted access. This consisted of topsoil stripping, excavation and filling of the levee. Particular attention has been given to any potential cuts in the old levee and protection to ensure there is no possibility of a breach in the existing levee. All such access points have been repaired to existing height.
- Work has continued at the Return Channel and Calf Creek sites with the pouring of the main structures for the regulators.
- Barber, Cow, Little Barber and Thule Creek sites have been inundated with flood waters.
- The Inlet Channel excavation extends to approximately 1km from its offtake with the Murray River, with excavations at varying depths from 40% - 100%. The inlet channel is approximately 30% complete.
- Concrete works as part of the inlet regulator structure has commenced.

Upcoming Construction Works and Activities

- Murray River flows below Torrumbarry Weir are expected to increase over the next week due to the recent rain events. This will result in continual inflows into the forest and disruption to structural sites within the creeks.
- Levee earthworks will continue whilst weather permits.
- The existing Barham town levee has been restored to its original flood protection level.
- The excavation of the inlet channel will continue through August. Excavation and foundation preparation for the regulator structure at the inlet channel will continue with further concrete works scheduled.
- Excavation of the area between Cow and Calf Creeks will commence.
- Construction of forest Access Roads 1 and 2 off the Barham-Moulamein Road is in progress and will continue as weather permits.

Approximately 30 delegates from the Rice Growers Association recently visited the construction works as part of their annual conference being held in Barham. Participants were able to walk along the current levee alignment works in the vicinity of the Barber Creek compound and view the work site of the Barber Creek regulator which at the time was inundated.

Please be reminded that due to safety regulations all levee, regulator and channel construction areas are closed to the public. This includes access via boats to any creeks within the forest that are part of the construction area during times of inundation.

Community Operation and Planning Advisory Group (COPAC) meetings.

COPAC meets monthly to discuss issues and risks and to provide local knowledge and expertise. Next Meeting is scheduled for 23rd September.

The COPAC members are:

Kevin Barnes	Phil O'Neill
Luke Keogh	Andrew McConnell
Roger Knight	Neil Gorey
Neil Eagle	Greg Lodge
John Lolicato	Graham Heffer
David McConnell	Jamie McKindlay

The project information office located in Mellool Street Barham NSW will be open on most Wednesday during business hours.

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Delegates from the Rice Growers Association inspecting the Barber Creek regulator work site and levee works.