

Good-morning,

North Victorian Irrigation Communities (NVIC) is a community group (farmers, business owners and other agricultural stake holders) whose intentions are to keep healthy rivers and profitable communities in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID). We are serious about investing time and money to provide better outcomes for all sectors of our community. To date, we have hired a consultant who is preparing several modelling reports looking at our key focus areas.

NVIC was formed after a group of concerned farmers gathered to discuss the current water climate in Northern Victoria. After their first initial meeting, a second meeting was held shortly after and an executive was elected which consists of President, Nick James, Secretary, Anita Seiter and Treasurer, Monique Bryant. The group was renamed NVIC taking over from Northern Victorian Irrigators (NVI). NVI was lobby group formed in 2005. NVI's main achievements were waived water accounts for two years in both Murray and Goulburn Irrigation systems. They were also the main player in securing the \$2 billion infrastructure upgrades in the GMID. NVI had been in recess for several years. NVIC has taken over from NVI and thus has taken on their constitution and finances. Several NVI members are on the general committee at NVIC.

Our four key focus areas are.

- 1. A transparent market,
- 2. Delivery constraints,
- 3. Carryover rules,
- 4. Delivery share.

We believe minor changes in each of the four key areas, mentioned above, will result in a larger volume of water being available for primary producers in the GMID.

We understand that changes will not be easily won, but we are confident with a united and well researched argument that we can achieve significant reform.

Looking forward to your support. For more information on how you can be involved please reply via email moniquebryant2@bigpond.com or phone Nick James (Chairman), 0418 301 598 or Mark Bryant 0400641052.

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Bryant, NVIC